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36. *** "Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
39. "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
46. *** "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
47. "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48. "And ye are witnesses of these things.
49. "And, behold, I send the promise of my father upon you:
51. "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

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A Few Words by the Editor

THE need for post-office savings banks grows daily more pressing. The government that encourages thrift encourages a primal virtue, a virtue which makes a nation strong. Thrift is the parent of integrity, of liberty and of ease, and the sister of temperance, cheerfulness and health. Without thrift a man must toil like a slave all his life, and then die penniless.

Thrift has made France the financial backbone of the world. When money is required for vast undertakings, or the credit of nations needs bolstering with foreign loans, or when periods of panic threaten empires with financial chaos, the peasants of France go down into their long stockings and supply the gold that dissipates panics, restores credit and permits the tide of business to flow vigorously in its wonted channels.

In France thrift is encouraged by the government, which goes out of its way to help the people to save. In this country the government sets an example of mad extravagance, and by refusing the boon of postal savings banks does its utmost to discourage thrift. The postal savings system was adopted by Belgium in 1861, by Great Britain in 1861, Italy, 1876, France, 1882, Austria, 1883, Japan, 1875, Netherlands, 1889, Russia, 1889.

When we contemplate these figures surely we should be overwhelmed with a sense of national shame. Fancy barbaric Russia twenty years ahead of us in this great reform, and Japan which thirty-four years ago had scarcely emerged from its centuries of Oriental dreaming, had still enough economic foresight and sufficient consideration for the welfare of its people to give them postal savings banks.

The foreigners who come here in such overwhelming numbers and who are naturally thrifty, and have been accustomed to postal savings banks at home, finding none in this country and being naturally suspicious of private institutions, commence to hoard their savings, and millions that should be in circulation are buried in the earth, or secreted in chimney corners, tin cans, old mattresses, etc., or sent back to the old country for investment.

That the postal savings banks will hurt private banking institutions is absurd. As a matter of fact they will materially aid them, as it is proposed to redeposit money left with the local postmaster in the national banks in the locality where the deposit is received, and the result will be that this money will be available for the business uses of the community in which it originated. The government will only pay two per cent. interest, while other savings banks usually pay four, and no interest whatever will be paid on deposits over five hundred dollars. It thus stands to reason that the people would only avail themselves of the postal savings banks in those remote communities where the ordinary bank is not available, or in towns or cities where through lax banking laws or for other reasons, the stability of various financial institutions was open to question. It is necessary in every possible way to encourage foreigners to deposit their money in the government savings banks, as it stands to reason, after a few hundred dollars have been accumulated, the foreigner will not be content with the two percent. allowed by Uncle Sam, and will in all probability end by purchasing himself a home. Once a foreigner, or any man for that matter, acquires real property, he looks at life from a different

angle from the man who has acquired nothing. A man with a home of his own invariably takes a real interest in national affairs, becomes a better citizen, and seldom becomes a public charge.

There are over sixty thousand post-offices in the United States all of which could be made receptacles for the savings of the people. The government by receiving the savings naturally makes itself responsible for them, and it is this absolute sense of security that the majority of poor people consider of paramount value. The people trust Uncle Sam implicitly. They know when their money is deposited with him it is absolutely safe, and no speculation or financial juggling of a bank president, or robbery on the part of a dishonest cashier can ever deprive them of the little hoard which is to sustain them in old age, and which has been accumulated only after years of great sacrifice and incessant toil.

In New England, the need of postal savings banks is not so great as in other sections of the country, as the average distance of the post-office from the savings bank is in the neighborhood of fifteen miles; in the Middle and Western States the average distance is ten miles greater, in the South it is thirty-three miles, and in the states on the Pacific slope the distance is no less than fifty-five miles. There is no reason whatsoever why local rural free delivery carriers could not collect the savings of the people in remote districts, give them credit for same in their savings bank books, and hand in their collections at the office from which they operate.

England has an excellent idea for promoting thrift amongst children. Printed sheets are distributed to the young. On these sheets are twelve squares. When a child is given a penny, which is equivalent to two cents in our money, instead of spending it in candy the child is encouraged to go to the post-office, purchase a penny stamp, and fix it to one of the before mentioned squares. When the twelve squares are filled with their complement of stamps, the child goes to the local post-office and opens an account with the government, receiving credit for one shilling, which is twenty-five cents of our money, for the stamp filled slip. The child is always very proud of his bank book, and a lesson of thrift acquired in early years is of inestimable value, for as the tree is bent so will it grow.

Fourteen states (Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and California) have no less than \$3,590,245,402 deposited in their savings banks, which is 98.4 per cent of all the money in such institutions in the United States. The remaining thirty-two states and territories hold only \$70,308,543, which is only about 1.6 per cent of the whole.

It will readily be seen from these figures how great is the need for post-office savings banks in at least thirty-two states and territories in which there are vast localities having no savings banks of any kind whatsoever. People in these localities being denied the privilege of post-office savings banks have resorted to the novel expedient of taking out money orders payable to themselves. These orders amount to no less than \$8,104,447. Citizens of Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington, were the largest purchasers.

The post-office savings banks would cost the country very little to keep up. Canada has its post-office savings banks,

and in the last thirty-nine years they have handled nearly half a billion of the people's money. The annual average expense of handling this business is only sixty thousand dollars.

In Europe the post-office savings banks have been immensely successful. Great Britain with a population of about forty millions, has no less than 9,763,717 of its people (that is about one in every four) who are depositors in the government savings banks. The government holds no less than \$721,819,276 of the people's savings. These deposits draw interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum, no interest being paid on any sum over one thousand dollars.

The committee on post-roads and post-offices of the House of Representatives investigated this matter and in November, 1891, reported as follows:

"Recognizing the obligations which we as legislators owe to the numerous class upon whose industry, frugality and resulting virtues the prosperity of our country and the permanence of its institutions must at all times rest, we believe that all technical objections which stand in the way of their best interests should be swept aside, and that the welfare of these, the industrious poor, the producing millions of our land should be given paramount consideration.

"Your committee therefore recommends the passing of the bill."

Our readers will note that this favorable report was made nearly nineteen years ago, and we are still without post-office savings banks. If the committee had recommended some measure which would have benefited bankers or millionaires, Congress would have fallen all over itself in a desperate effort to pass it, without a moment's loss of time, but as this measure is solely for the benefit of the plain people, who cut no figure in this country, nearly a fifth of a century has passed since the matter was reported favorably, and still Congress seems reluctant. There is no graft, no glory, no anything to be gained by doing anything for the masses of the people, and the people alone are to blame for this condition of things. The men who are in Washington are the men you elected. The masterful way they serve and work for your interests is beautifully shown in the matter of post-office savings banks. If you know the names of your representatives or senators of your state, write to them, and write in no uncertain tones. Inform them of your views and wishes on this subject; it is your right guaranteed you by the Constitution.

Under pressure from the White House the U. S. Senate has at last passed the bill to establish the Postal Savings Bank substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the President, but the enemies of this measure claim that they can exert sufficient influence in the House of Representatives to kill it there.

We wish the President would get after both houses of Congress with his predecessor's "big stick" of public appeal to public opinion and force the passage of this and other pending measures which he has wisely urged for the benefit of the people.

And while he is about it we hope he will recommend putting us in the rank of civilized nations by giving the people the inestimable benefit of the Parcel Post and delivering them from slavery to the big four express trust.

Comfort's Editor.

THE JOYOUS EASTER TIDE

A Lay Sermon by Comfort's Editor

I AM not a clergyman, and so you may think I am not qualified to preach; and when you have read my sermon some of you may say that I ought not to have attempted it; though I believe it will be acceptable to most Christians irrespective of denominational preferences and theological differences. I am not a theologian and do not aspire to be. There is altogether too much theology and not enough religion preached.

Strange to say, just as soon as the persecution of the early Christians by the Jews, Romans and other pagans ceased, the theologians, with their fine-spun theories and hair-splitting doctrinal distinctions divided the Church of Christ into innumerable sects and incited their respective followers to torture and burn each other at the stake for trifling differences of creed,—and all in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who taught the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

This unchristian persecution of Christians by Christians has continued to disgrace the church until a comparatively recent date, and even now we see far too much of that same spirit of sectarian bigotry, which prompted the bloodshed in the church of St. Sophia, the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition, the cruel expulsion of Roger Williams by the Puritans and the hanging of the innocent victims of the Salem Witchcraft delusion.

The heathen hurl it in our teeth as a reproach to Christianity, and the cause of Christ has unjustly suffered inestimable injury through the monstrous crimes committed in the name of those who claim to represent His teachings.

The technicalities of the law, against which there is so much just complaint, cannot compare in subtlety with those technicalities of creed which the theologians have been elaborating in the last nineteen hundred years for their own glorification and at the expense of their Lord and Master's service to the extent that their converts become their followers rather than the followers of the Lamb of God.

Again I repeat with emphasis, there is too much theology and not enough religion. Speculative theology is the curse of Christianity. It results, on the one hand, in the evils which I have mentioned, or leads, on the other, to that limbo of infidelity akin to atheism which that greatly overrated leader of modern thought, Charles W. Elliot, for forty years president of Harvard University, launched last summer as his so-called "new religion."

Just why he saw fit to call it a religion is beyond my comprehension; more properly should it be called a philosophical substitute for religion, because, in effect, it dethrones God as an active influence in the universe, abolishes Christ, and holds out no hope of immortality. It is based on science and philosophy in which it finds the only incentives to morality, decency, and right living. It is absolutely devoid of spiritual-

The joyous Eastertide has come again, very early this year, though too late for our March issue, a trifle early for this April number,—nevertheless, with Mr. Gannett's permission, I am going to preach you a little sermon inspired by the glorious anniversary of the resurrection which will have passed ere this meets the eyes of most of our readers.

ity; and yet to such a mockery of religion is the refinement of modern high-browed theology leading us.

To me it savors strongly of atheism, and seems as though it should shock the religious sentiment of a professedly Christian people, as it did many, while others applauded his views.

Let us throw the chaff of complicated and mystifying theology to the winds to be blown away ere it blinds our eyes; and let us hold fast to religion, to the simple Christian faith as we read it in the words, and see it exemplified in the life, of the meek and lowly Jesus. His teachings are beautifully and sublimely simple, within the comprehension of all; and in them the soul finds the living waters for which it thirsts, and its only satisfying spiritual bread.

Christians had better follow the example of Saint Paul who declared in regard to his preaching, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." It is "Jesus Christ, and him crucified," that I want to talk to you about on this occasion.

The joy of Easter springs from the perfection of faith which finds its confirmation in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Faith is the foundation of religion, and the resurrection of Christ is the corner stone of Christianity; it is the conclusive proof of the life everlasting that God gave to convince a doubting world. For without an unflinching belief in a life beyond the grave religion is purposeless, meaningless, valueless; a hollow mockery condemned of reason and abhorrent to the heart.

That we may appreciate the full significance of the truth, that the resurrection of Christ is the great light which has enlightened the World with a power and glory ever increasing through the centuries, let us look at the pitiable spiritual condition of humanity at the time the divine sacrifice was made in man's behalf.

To quote Saint Paul again "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." But it required a miraculous demonstration to impress the human mind with faith in Christianity.

Until the coming of Christ, whose mission was to bring "immortality to light," the benighted World had only a vague and glimmering hope of a future existence.

How weak was the prevailing belief, and how absolutely necessary it was that the World should have the positive evidence of the resurrection of Christ is startlingly demonstrated by the surprising fact, that in the gloom and despondency into which our Lord's disciples were plunged by His tragic death upon the cross, even they had renounced that faith which through three years of intimate companionship He had striven to teach them.

In mortal terror did Peter, though forewarned, thrice deny his Lord ere the cock crew to hail the dawning of the first day after the arrest of Jesus at night in the garden of Gethsemane. Most of the other disciples to escape the persecution of the Jews kept hidden for some days after the crucifixion. Saint John, the beloved disciple, had indeed lingered at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother to give her such consolation as he could in the hour of her tribulation, and had received his Lord's dying command to care for her through life and treat her as his own mother. This high honor and mark of confidence is modestly mentioned by Saint John in the nineteenth chapter of his gospel. Joseph of Arimathea, one of the few rich and influential friends of Jesus, had begged his body of Pilate and after dark on Friday evening had taken it down from the cross, and hastily wrapping it in clean linen, had laid it in his own new rock-hewn sepulchre. Had not this favor been granted by Pilate, Jesus' body would have remained upon the cross, according to the barbarous custom of the times, until the flesh was devoured by vultures and the bones dropped to the ground. This was Friday night, and so late that there was no time to give the body the usual preparation for burial with spices and ointment. The next day, Saturday, was the Jewish Sabbath, on which it was unlawful to perform any labor, and through this day the disciples were in hiding in fear for their lives. In the gray dawn of Sunday morning the two Marys, Magdalene and the mother of Jesus, hastened to the tomb with spices and ointments with which to give the body the customary treatment, and found the tomb empty. As they turned back the risen Lord appeared to them, as represented by COMFORT's impressive title page a year ago. Returning to the house where most of the disciples, still hiding, were mourning in the most abject despair, disappointed, dejected, overwhelmed, almost stunned, these two faithful women reported what they had seen and heard; but "their words seemed to them (the disciples) as idle tales, and they believed them not." Later, on the same day, Jesus appeared to and conversed with two of the disciples who were taking a walk into the country. They also returned and reported their experience to the other disciples.

"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said unto them, Peace be unto you.

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A Tale of COMFORT

An Easter Story

By Constance Beatrice Willard

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"I WONDER what makes that noise," a girl cried pettishly, tossing on her pillow one bright Sunday morning in early spring. "Why it's enough to drive one crazy," she continued, and jumping from her bed she ran to the window and peered forth. As she saw the crowds of fashionably dressed people passing along, she realized what was disturbing her, and her face flamed red, then grew pale, as she whispered: "It's the Easter bells," and crept back to her bed, and tried to stifle the sound in the clothes, but in vain. For the first time in her life she was not forming one of the crowd on the way to religious service, and the church bells were a reproach to her.

She could not sleep again, and she wearily sat up and brushed the hair from her eyes. Mildred Day had been in Boston a year, and in looking back she saw that not only had she not made a success of her attempts but she was a failure and tonight to become a bankrupt when she was to pass into the keeping of a former employer Fred Shelby. She had not come to this state in any sudden bound, but gradually, so that she scarcely appreciated how it had come about.

It is only a year since I graduated from school," she asked herself sadly, her mind reverting to the days when she had been the brightest girl in the little Maine village, and Jerry Kemp's sweetheart, dear, loyal, true Jerry. She shuddered when he came into her mind.

Jerry owned a farm and a part interest in the biggest store in the place, both of which he inherited from his father, and he could have married, but Mildred had scorned his love, believing that she was made for great things. She had been reared by Mrs. Kemp, and tenderly loved by her, but the willful girl had been determined upon going to Boston, and now at last she faced absolute want. She had tried to do a number of things, and failed in them all because she was inexperienced and not fitted for the hardships of city life.

The day before this Easter day, she had been reduced to one quarter, no work, and her room rent would be due in two days.

Frantically she had walked, Saturday, over the cobblestones, which bruised her feet through her thin shoes, and she was sitting on a bench in the Common, when Fred Shelby happened to run across her. How he had managed to induce the girl to forget all the teachings of her youth, and her natural instincts is not a part of this story. Perhaps she was scarcely in her normal mind what with poor food and incessant worry, but prevail did to the extent of obtaining her promise to meet him the following night, then to allow him to provide for her thereafter.

When he left her, the girl in a daze, spent her last money for a little bottle of milk and some crackers and cheese, and crept back to her room. The hours dragged along, she trying to keep herself from thinking, until at last she had fallen into a deep sleep, from which the joyous Easter bells awakened her.

"I don't dare think," she told herself as she gazed about the poor little room. Then she was aware of the cravings of her stomach, and sparingly ate a cracker, a piece of cheese and drank a swallow of milk. Poor, hungry little girl, not yet twenty to think of her starving on that bright Easter morning!

"I can't stand thinking," she told herself sadly, and looked about for something to read, although she knew her books by heart. As she did so, her eyes fell upon the inspiring title page of *COMFORT*, and she slipped out of bed and took it up. *COMFORT* had come to her every month since she left home, but for some months she had not read the dear, homely paper, but now she seized upon it, and as she turned over the pages she forgot something of the bitterness of the present in the memories of the past evoked by the pages of *COMFORT*.

"Dear Uncle Charlie," she whispered as she read his inspiring words. "He published a letter of mine once, and how he did criticize me and point out my faults in spelling and poetry. Perhaps if I had minded what he said about my having no talent, I would have done better," and some bitter tears fell on that page, but she wiped them away and buried herself in a story that thrilled her, and made her long to live up to the ideal there set forth. She smiled over some funny jokes, and looked with interest at the suggestions in the *Pretty Girls* department.

She had always liked the housekeeping notes, and as she read over the recipes for cookies, she cried eagerly: "These sound awfully good, I'll make some one of these days," for she was a good housekeeper, then her eyes fell on a page she remembered that the future would not hold many opportunities for cooking, if she made it what she was planning to. Impatiently she turned over the page, telling herself:

"These recipes make me all the more hungry, so I guess I'd better pass them up." Leaving them she read another story, and it pained her to see how far short she fell of the motives of the girl in it.

"And yet I have tried so hard," she said sadly, reading off. She came across some descriptions for church decorations for the Easter services, and her mind flew back to the days when she carefully nursed her calla lilies so they would be in bloom for Easter.

"No one else had such luck as I did with them," she told herself with pride. "Oh, dear, dear, that's the real, true life back there! This city life is so cruel, so unsatisfying. I wish I never had heard of Boston," she began to cry. Poor little thing! She was so hungry and alone.

Once more she dried her tears and read on, cheered by the words of greeting and friendliness expressed in every line, and all the while growing further and further away from what she had planned for that evening.

At last she turned back to the personal chat by the editor, and then the floodgates were opened. It was a simple, kindly heart-to-heart talk with the readers. The words were such as to bring conviction to every heart, and as never before the girl realized what Easter really means.

Among other things, the good editor said: "Easter not only is the anniversary of the greatest event in the history of Christianity, but it is a rising of ourselves from our old selves. Easter ought to be to every Christian a New Year. Upon that day each one should try and rise above the meannesses, the petty wrong doing, the senseless and spiteful gossip, and enter into a new life of purposeful endeavor."

"Easter does not merely consist of a round of church going. The day will bring but few benefits to those who are nothing deeper or more spiritual than that, good as it is in its way. Easter must be felt in your life, be carried in your heart and shown in your actions to be fully appreciated."

What wonder that such words as these should pierce to the very soul of the lonely young girl, who had as yet only done wrong in intention? She sobbed as though her heart would break. The words were blurred with her tears, and the page was wet with the drops, which in the sight of her Maker must have been precious beyond any earthly value.

At last she gave her newborn resolve words. Sitting up in bed, with her little face all swollen and tear-stained, she sobbed forth, and her words although simply spoken were as sacred to her as an oath:

"I may starve, probably will, but I won't be unworthy of belonging to *COMFORT's* family, I promise that," and with her dear paper clasped in her arms, her tear-stained cheek resting on its pages, Mildred fell asleep, while the people were returning from church. In her little room she had listened to as good a sermon as any of them.

The sun made its round of the heavens, and hung low in the sky when Mildred awoke. Sustained by her good resolutions she dressed, ate the pitiful remnant of crackers and cheese, and drained the milk bottle. This was all that stood between her and starvation, if she persisted in holding to the promise she had made, but she did not falter. She had said she would rather starve, and she meant it. This was not a vain, empty promise, but a sacred vow, to be kept even if her life paid the penalty.

With *COMFORT* in her hand, she crept out of the house. She had no idea where she was going, only wanted to get away, to hide from the man whom she knew would look for her when she failed to keep her appointment with him.

She had no carfare, and no place to ride to if she had, so she wandered along. She did not dare go to the Common again, but ventured upon the Public Gardens, and sat down at last, wearied with her long walk, and weakened by her fast.

All about her were gaily dressed people. All seemed to have someone to care for them, to be well dressed and comfortably fed.

"I wonder if there is another girl in all this city," she asked herself, "who is as lonely and destitute as I?" She thought of the old home, of Jerry, his mother, and the dear old minister who she knew had been so busy today with his Easter services.

"Though he couldn't have given me any better a sermon than I have here," she told herself, patting her *COMFORT*.

"I wonder if all the readers get as much out of their *COMFORT* as I have from mine," was her next thought. "I always liked it, but I never knew what it really meant before," and her eyes



MILLY! HE CRIED, AND KISSED HER TENDERLY.

grew moist. Like so many she was realizing that *COMFORT* like all true and tried friends is dearer in adversity, and that in the dark days, its light shines all the clearer her head against the back of the seat, wreck which will follow if the bark of life be not properly steered from off the rocky coast of wrong doing.

Perhaps an hour passed, as she sat there. She leaned her head against the back of the seat, and she was beginning to feel a little giddy. Dreamingly she wondered what was to become of her, but she felt little fear, somehow the feel of *COMFORT* reassured her. Like a child clinging to the hand of its mother, she held fast to *COMFORT*, as though it would help her when she needed it most.

Strange things do happen. The age of miracles is not past. A young man from a little Maine village, who had been in Boston nearly a week, was wandering through the Public Gardens. He had attended a magnificent service that morning in the New Old South Church, and spent an hour in the Sunday school room adjoining. He had always wanted to see the magnificent edifice, and he had gazed with awe at the great brass clock in the Sunday school room, the only relic of the Old South Church, but he was not satisfied. He had not found what he was looking for.

After his dinner, he had walked about the library, admired old Trinity, and gone over Boston Common, and looked with amazement at the State House, on its elevation back of the Common. Previous to this he had been at Bunker Hill monument, and Old North Church, and was fairly steeped in the history of the locality, but his heart was still empty, and so in the sunset glow he wandered about the Public Gardens, ever wondering where he could find the girl he was looking for.

As he passed the bench on which poor little Mildred was resting, he was attracted by the *COMFORT* in her hand, and paused.

"If she is a *COMFORT* girl, we ought to know each other," he told himself, for he had been an ardent admirer of the paper ever since he had been able to read. He had learned his letters from its title pages. "Our both loving *COMFORT* ought to be an introduction," he told himself. "Perhaps she could tell me how to go about finding a girl who is lost," and with this he decided to risk speaking to a stranger, so he stepped a little closer, and raising his hat, said quietly:

"I beg your pardon, but I belong to *COMFORT's* family too, and that is my excuse for speaking to you," then he gazed in amazement at the pale, hollow-eyed little face turned towards him.

Sadly changed, he knew her in a minute, although his heart cried out at the woe expressed in the loved face.

"Milly!" he cried, and then notwithstanding the fact that it was still light and there were plenty of people about, he had his arms about her, and kissed her tenderly.

"Oh, Jerry! Jerry!" Milly cried in heartbroken tones. "Take me home!"

"Take you home darling? Why that's what made me come on here to find you and take you back home. Mother is waiting for you. The church work is waiting for you; the girls need you, and Milly, I want you most of all. Still, don't let that stop you. If you can't bear to think of marrying me," this was said because

when he said he wanted her, Milly had shrunk from him, "why it doesn't matter any. Mother wants and needs you, and home has never been the same since you left. I won't bother you any, Milly, dear, you just come back with me," and in his eyes glowed a self-sacrificing spirit.

"Oh, Jerry, don't," Milly cried, "you don't understand. It isn't that I don't love you, for I do, oh, so much," and the tears stood in her eyes, "but maybe you won't love me when I tell you," and then in broken sentences she told him her pitiful little story.

Jerry's strong young hands, browned with honest toil, clenched with indignation, but the one he laid on hers was very gentle, and his voice was hoarse with feeling, as he said softly:

"My poor little darling!" and Milly knew that he did not blame her. Then she went on to tell him of her Easter day, and how her heart had been softened, and she had been influenced by the words in *COMFORT*.

"Say, that's funny," Jerry cried. "Why it was *COMFORT* that sent me here," and he took up the much-prized copy and opening it pointed to a little tale in it. There was an appeal in it to parents to look after their daughters exposed to the dangers of a big city.

"I couldn't stand it," he told her tenderly, "after I read that. It seemed to me as though I had to get right on here and look after my little girl," and he smiled down on her.

Milly raised her eyes to his, and there was an awed expression in them.

"Why, Jerry," she cried softly, "we owe just everything to *COMFORT* don't we?"

"You just bet we do," he returned. "I would have passed you by if it had not been for *COMFORT*. *COMFORT* sent you out here, and me to the city. Say sweetheart let's take *COMFORT* for our coat of arms," and he laughed down at her.

"We will," she cried, and then Jerry remembered what she had said about not having enough to eat, and hurried her to a restaurant. They were like two children, and Milly insisted in looking through the list of recipes to see which good thing mentioned there she cared most about. "Though, of course, nothing here will taste like it will made at home."

"That's right, but Milly won't you make them some day?" and Milly promised she would, and she did, every blessed recipe that had made her so hungry on that Easter day.

They took the train home that very night, and on the next Sunday were married by the good old minister who had admitted them both into the church.

This was several years ago, and Milly and Jerry are very happy together. They never quarrel, *COMFORT* will not allow them to do so. Milly regulates her house according to *COMFORT*.



SHE SAT DOWN, WEARIED BY HER LONG WALK, AND WEAKENED BY HER FASTS.

and Jerry, Jr. and a little girl whose name is Elizabeth, who is called by her father and mother, *Comfort*, are brought up according to the inspiring ideals of that best of all household journals *COMFORT*.

Little Prudy's Dotty Dimple

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"Bees have a 'sweet, sweet home,' I think," said Susy.

"So do ants when they get in the sugar-box," rejoined Prudy.

As night approached, Dotty showed symptoms of croup.

"I think," said her grandmother, "it will be the safest way to give her some castor-oil and molasses; that is what her father used to take when he was a little boy."

Dotty pouted. "Dirty, slippery Castor-oil," she cried, shaking her elbows—a thing she seldom did now. "I shan't let it go in my throat. I'll bite my teeth together tight."

"Alice," said her grandmother, "is that the proper way to speak to me?"

The child's face cleared in a moment.

"I wasn't a-speakin' to you, grandma," said she, sweetly; "I was a talkin' to the dust-pan."

"O, Dotty Parlin!" cried Prudy, much distressed. "Nobody ever talked to the dust-pan, in all the days of their lives! I always thought you were a good girl, Dotty, but now I am afraid you tell false fibs!"

Dotty clung about Prudy like a sweet pea, and peeped into her eyes with a pleading look.

"Say, do you love me, Prudy? For I'm goin' to let the oil slip right down my throat, just as my papa did when he was a little boy."

After swallowing the oil and molasses, Dotty grew very affectionate, and kissed everybody twice, all around. Then she said her prayers, and went to bed.

"Mamma," said she, "now smooze me up under my chin, please." She loved to have the sheet laid straight. "Do you s'pose God will take care o' me tonight, mamma?"

"Certainly, my darling; you may be very sure He will. Your heavenly Father never sleeps. He watches over you always."

"Now, truly, does he?" said the child, pressing her flushed cheek against the pillow. "Does he see me in my chubby bed, when the moon's all dark?"

"O, my suz!" cried she, suddenly, raising her head. "God can take care o' me most always, you know, but I'm dretful afraid something will catch me while he's tending to another man!"

Mrs. Parlin explained to her little daughter,

as well as she could, the omnipresence and infinite goodness of God; and while she was still talking in low, soothing tones, the little one fell asleep.

About midnight there was a sudden alarm. Lights glared here and there over the house, and Susy and Prudy were awakened from a deep sleep by the sound of voices. Dotty had a violent attack of croup.

"Put me out doors," gasped the poor little sufferer, when she could speak at all. "I can't breathe if the window's ever so up. Get me nearer to the moon. Then I can breathe!"

"It's so dreadful!" sobbed Susy. "I feel real sure she's going to die this time."

"O, no, I don't think she will," said Prudy, shaking the tears off her eye-lashes. "God took care of me when I had the lameness, and He'll take care of her. He loves her as much as he loves me."

"Now just listen to me," returned Susy, pacing the floor of the green chamber, in her night-dress, while Prudy sat on the edge of the bed. "God loves us all; but that's no sign we can't die! Little children, no older than Dotty, have their breath snatched right away, and are covered up in the ground, with gravestones at their head and feet. O, you haven't the least idea, Prudy. You never think anything can happen!"

"Well, things don't happen very often, you know, Susy."

"There, Prudy Parlin, don't talk so! I feel just as if Dotty was going to die this very night."

"O, I don't think she will, Susy. But she's God's little girl, and if He wants her up in heaven He has a right to take her. He never'll take her, though, unless it's best, now certainly."

"Sit still, Prudy, just as you are. The moon is shining into the window, on your tears, and it seems as if I could almost see a rainbow in your eyes!—There, it's gone now. What makes you talk so queer about God, Prudy? as if you knew a great deal more than I do?"

"I don't know half as much as you do," replied Prudy; "but I used to be and think about the Saviour when I had the lameness. Hark! Is that Dotty laughing? Let's go in and see if she isn't most well."

The child was indeed better; but for the next three nights she suffered from severe attacks of the croup. Her sisters had not known how they loved her till she showed her frail side, and they saw how slender was the thread which bound her to earth. When she was strong, and roguish, and wilful, they forgot that she was only a tender flower after all, and might be nipped from the stem any time.

When she was well again, Prudy said to her mother, in confidence, "It didn't kill her, the croup didn't, but it might have killed her; and I'm going to love her all the time as if she was really dead, and gone to heaven."

CHAPTER XI.

BUYING A BROTHER.

"One, two, buckle my slipper! no, my gaiters," repeated Miss Dimple, as Prudy laced her boots. "I wish I was a horse, then my shoes would be nailed on and be done with it."

"I'm so glad," said Prudy putting on her hat, "that we can go to housekeeping again."

"They had built a shingle palace on the bank of the river. It was as white as chalk could make it, and glared like a snowdrift out of a clump of evergreens which were no taller than dandelions."

"Our house is shaded so much," said Prudy, "that it makes me think of a lady with hair over her eyes."

The entrance to the little palace was through a swinging door, of white cloth, and from the roof fluttered a small flag. There were four rooms in the house, all of them on the ground floor. The parlor was elegantly furnished with a braided carpet, of striped grass, a piano, whose black and white keys were put on with coal and chalk, not to mention other articles of luxury. The table was spread with acorn-cups and poppy teapots, the little housekeepers being advised not make use of their china dishes for this establishment.

There was a very black stove in the kitchen, but the most of the cooking was done out of doors, farther down the bank, in ovens shaped like swallows' nests. Here were baked delicious mud cakes, tempting currant tarts, and dainty custards.

Nothing pleased Miss Dimple so well as to govern a household. She ruled with a rod of iron.

In the midst of a caution to her servant-maid, Prudy, "not to burn her biscuits as black as so-leather," she was surprised to see her twinkling off a tear.

"O, Prudy, I didn't mean to scold," said she, in the tenderest tones.

"Poh, as if I minded your make-believe, Dotty! I was only thinking about Aunt Madge—that's all."

"What has she done?" asked Dotty as she went on stamping her mud cake with the head of a pin.

"It isn't done yet Dotty; but it will be. She's going to be married."

Dotty dropped her mud-cake. "Why! who to? Abner?"

"O dear no! To Mr.—I mean Colonel—Angustus Allen. Didn't you ever hear of that?"

"Was that why he sent his objections to mamma?" asked Dotty in a low voice.

"He sent his respects to mother, if that's what you mean; and in the same letter he said, 'Give oceans of love to Prudy.' As if it wasn't bad enough to break my heart, without trying to drown me," murmured Prudy, with dripping eyes.

"I don't see what you're crying for," broke in her little sister. "I shall marry my papa one of these days. I should think you'd feel badder about that. Who's you goin' to marry, Prudy?"

"Nobody. Dotty, as long as I live! I shall stay at home with my mother, and she'll be sitting in the rocking-chair, knitting and father'll be sitting by the window, reading the paper.—But there," added she, "Aunt Madge might be married three or four times, and I wouldn't care. It's her going to New York that makes my heart ache so."

"Well, she'll come back bimby," said Dotty, soothingly.

"O," replied Prudy, with a wise smile; "seems to me when I was four years old I knew a great deal more than you do, child! People that are married stay away always."

"I wish they wouldn't," cried Dotty, beginning to feel alarmed. "I'll ask Colonel 'Gustus to marry Abby Grant after she gets grown, and let my aunties stay at home."

"The worst of it is," continued Prudy, glad of her sister's sympathy, such as it was, "Colonel Allen is a lawyer."

"Well, isn't lawyers as good as white folks?" The only trouble with lawyers, Dotty, is, that they can't write so you can read it. My father told me so. He said their writing was like turkey's tracks. He said it looked as if a fly had got into the inkstand, and crawled over the paper."

Dotty's face was the picture of distress. "It's a dretful thing to grow up a idiot," said she, drawing her mouth down as she had seen Prudy do when beseeching her to learn the alphabet. "Don't he know all the letters, skippin' about?"

Here Aunt Louise's voice was heard, from the piazza. She asked if the children would like to go with her and see Mrs. Gray's baby. After a little washing and brushing they were ready.

"Auntie," said Dotty, as they walked along, "You've got my porkmonnaie."

"Very true; so I have."

"How much money is in my porkmonnaie?"

"Two dollars and a half. Why?"

"Cause I want to give it to Mr. Colonel Allen, to make him marry Abby Grant when she gets grown. I s'pose her, and I want her to go to New York. There's where the husbands and wives go."

Miss Louise laughed.

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IN & AROUND The HOME

CONDUCTED BY MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON

Terms Used in Crochet

Ch. chain; ch. st. chain stitch; s. c. single crochet; d. c. double crochet (thread over once); tr. c. treble crochet (thread over three times); l. c. long crochet; r. st. roll stitch; l. loop; p. picot; r. p. roll picot; sl. st. slip stitch; k. st. knot stitch; sts. stitches; blk. block; sps. spaces; * stars mean that the directions given between them should be repeated as indicated before proceeding.

Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; o. over; o. 2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

Terms Used in Tatting

D. s. double stitch; p. picot; l. p. long picot; ch. chain; d. k. double knot; pkt. picot and knot together. * indicates a repetition.

Centerpiece and Border of Hairpin Braid

TO make the hairpin braid for this fancy work use a strong wire hairpin and No. 24 cotton, work up one spool before beginning to make either doily or border.

Begin by tying loop in thread, slip on one prong of hairpin, wind the thread around opposite prong, then with fine steel crochet hook take up loop and make two single crochets, chain one, turn and repeat, always turn to the left and work on the left of the center each time.

Daisy Doily

For this doily one yard (do not stretch when measuring) will be needed. Make one s. c. in first loop of braid, ch. 4, fasten in first loop next to hook, ch. 4 join to next loop. Repeat until you have 7 ch.'s 4. Then ch. 10, skip 2 loops, meaning to pass over, not slip; 1 s. c. in third, repeat twice, 1 d. c. in each of next 13 sts., keep all on the needle, draw loop through, 1 s. c., this draws all up tightly and makes the point of each petal. Ch. 5, join to 5th st. of ch. 10, ch. 5, join to next loop, ch. 5, join to 5th st., ch. 10, ch. 5, join to 3rd loop, ch. 5, join to st., ch. 10, ch. 5, join to 3rd loop. Repeat from beginning and continue until 12 petals are made. Join the braid neatly, break the thread and begin on the opposite side of the braid. Draw loop through the first 7 loops, sl. st. ch. 10, join to 3rd loop of braid, ch. 10, continue until the loop opposite the one in which the 13th d. c. was worked in each, then ch. 10 in this loop 3 times, gather 7 loops on hook, sl. st. and proceed as before.

Work 2nd row all round of ch. 10 caught in center of each chain of previous row.

Now baste on to stiff paper arranging to form as nearly a perfect circle as possible. With coarse thread and needle, cross the center from side to side, looping in the threads as shown, then beginning in the center, back stitch round and round and finish by tying underneath. The old-fashioned pearl edge braid can be used in the same way.

Rose Center Lace

Wind thread ten times around a lead pencil. Make 48 d. c. over this ring, join, ch. 5, 1 tr. in 3 d. c., tr. 2, 1 d. c. in 6th d. c., ch. 2, repeat making 16 sps. for 2nd round. Join in 3rd st., ch. 5, 3 d. c. under ch. 2, 1 d. c. under next ch., ch. 5, 1 d. c., 3 d. c. under next ch. 2 and repeat all around.

3rd round.—10 d. c. under each ch. 5.
4th round.—Ch. 10, catch back into 7th st. to form picot, ch. 3, sl. st. to every 3rd d. c.

Other rounds just the same excepting 5th and 7th when the corner loops are filled in as shown with groups of 8 d. c.

For the scallops of which there are two to each square, on the 8th round make a ch. 4 at the lower corner, catch to 2nd picot, 2 tr. with ch. 2 between, then thread over the needle 5 times and work off as in double crochet, ch. 3, 1 d. c. in 2nd st., 1 d. c. in next 1 tr. in each of remaining sts. Repeat making 5 long tr., make this row across the lace, turn 2 d. c. under ch. 2, 2 d. c. under next ch., ch. 8, catch back in first d. c., 4 d. c. under ch. 8, ch. 3, 4 d. c., ch. 8, catch back into beginning of the scallop, turn, 4 d. c., ch. 3, repeat making



ROSE CENTER LACE.

3 ps. and 4 clusters of 4 d. c., 1 d. c. under ch. 8, ch. 3, 4 d. c. in same place.

Repeat around scallop except that the outer point is 12 ch. sts. long, with 5 ps. and 6 clusters. Join the scallops in first and second loops. For the top ch. 3, catch in each p. across 5 d. c., under each ch. 3, ch. 3, 1 tr. in each 3 d.

c. The squares are joined as the last row of each square is made. ANNIE L. FRAZER.

Ruffle Lace

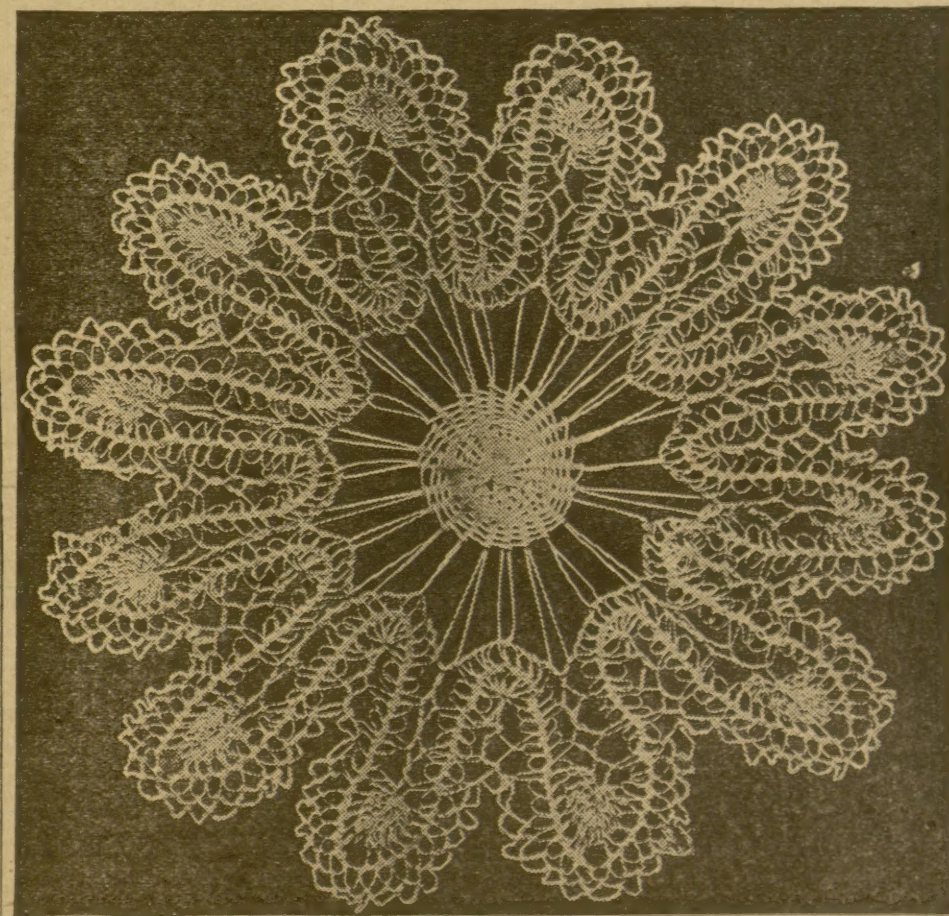
1st row.—Make a chain as long as you need.
2nd row.—1 d. c., catch in 5th ch., ch. 1, sl. 1, 1 d. c. in next ch., continue length of chain.
3rd row.—2 s. c. on ch., ch. 2, sl. 2, 7 d. c. with ch. 2 between each in the next st., sl. 2, 5 s. c. on next 5, repeat across to end.



RUFFLE LACE.

4th row.—Chains of 4 caught on each preceding chain and 4 s. c. on the 6 s., repeat across.

5th row.—Ch. 6 caught on each ch. 4 and on the 4 s. c. with 1 s. st.



DAISY DOILY.

Sent in by Mrs. W. M. Knoer.

6th row.—Ch. 6 caught on each ch.
7th row.—Ch. 3, 1 d. c. in ch. 6, ch. 3, 4 ds. under next ch., ch. 3, 4 ds., repeat across.
8th row.—Ch. 3, catch under ch. 3, ch. 3, catch on first d., ch. 6, catch on last d., ch. 3, catch under ch. 3, repeat across.
MRS. EMMA GARIBALDI.

Crocheted Network

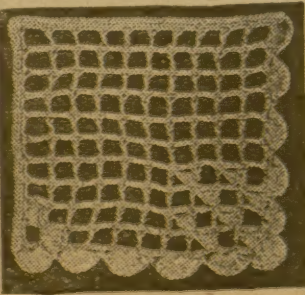
This foundation or net can be used for sofa pillows or doilies without filling in the square. The meshes are one half inch square in Silka-teen No. 30 of which the sample is made. It is beautiful in linen No. 50 over green or maroon.

Directions for Making

Crochet chain any length desired so that the number of stitches is divisible by ten, turn and single crochet back to end of chain, turn.

Ch. 9, * tr. c. in 5th st. of s. c. on ch., tr. c. by placing thread o. once, place hook over and around first tr., thread o. and tr. in same st. with first tr. (this is for first row), ch. 4, tr. c. in 5th st. and second around first, repeat to end of ch. *, turn, ch. 1 and s. c. back to 5th st. of ch. 9, tr. c. around 4 sts. of ch. 9, the same as though it were a tr. c., turn, ch. 9 as before, and continue as before only tr. c. in s. c. over first tr. and second tr. around first tr., but in s. c. over second tr., ch. 4 and repeat to end of row, turn, s. c. back and repeat until size desired.

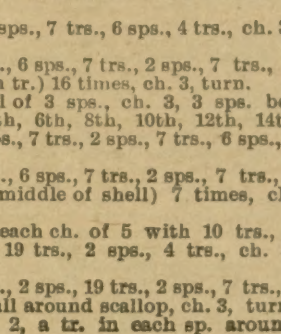
Meshes may be filled in as shown in two designs or with needle if placed on embroidery frame. Two ways of finishing the edge are shown. For sofa pillows the s. c. in the two colors used is very pretty and resembles a cord. Any finish of shell design like the one given in tr. c. is pretty for doilies. MISS JENNIE DAVIS.



"Swastika Good Luck" Lace

Make chain of forty-eight stitches, turn.
1st row.—15 sps., ch. 5, turn.
2nd row.—2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 4 trs. in 1st sp., ch. 3, turn.
3rd row.—4 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
4th row.—6 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 4 trs., 2 sps., ch. 3, turn.
5th row.—4 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
6th row.—6 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 4 trs., 2 sps., ch. 3, turn.
7th row.—4 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
8th row.—6 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 4 trs., 2 sps., ch. 3, turn.
9th row.—4 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., ch. 5, turn.
10th row.—16 trs. under ch. of 8, 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 6 sps., 4 trs., ch. 3, turn.
11th row.—4 trs., 6 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps. (ch. 1, a tr. in tr.) 16 times, ch. 3, turn.
12th row.—Shell of 3 sps., ch. 3, 3 sps. between the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th and 16th trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 6 sps., 4 trs., ch. 3, turn.
13th row.—4 trs., 6 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps. (ch. 5 sts. in middle of shell) 7 times, ch. 3, turn.
14th row.—Fill each ch. of 5 with 10 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., 4 trs., ch. 3, turn.
15th row.—4 trs., 2 sps., 19 trs., 2 sps., 7 trs., 2 sps. (ch. 2, sl. 2) all around scallop, ch. 3, turn.
16th row.—Ch. 2, a tr. in each sp. around

SWASTIKA GOOD LUCK.



in previous round, ch. 2, group of 4 tr. between 2nd and 3rd tr. of group of 3 tr., ch. 2 and repeat all around. M. A. HAMM.

Photograph Frame

This frame is easily made of pasteboard, covered with plush or velvet. Cut a foundation of pasteboard eight and a half by six and a half inches, shape by scalloping, as shown, if desired, then cut an opening in the center and place around it triangular pieces, neatly covered on both sides. These should be securely stitched in position, and then rolled back into place and finished with ribbons and knots. Cover the back by fastening down a piece of pasteboard, not forgetting to leave space at the bottom in which to insert the photograph.



PHOTOGRAPH FRAME.

Knitted Shoulder Cape

The following directions are given in reply to Mrs. A. P. Curtis's request for a knitted cape. We are unable to give an illustration but if made as directed, the result will be a very pretty cape of alternate stripes or one can use only one color and the work will be a little easier.

Use No. 5 needles. Cast on fifty-three stitches of one color (blue).

1st row.—Knit across seam, turn.

2nd row.—Knit across plain, turn.

Repeat these two rows twice, then knit across seam, turn. Now use white wool.

5th row.—Knit across seam, turn.

6th row.—Knit across plain, turn. Continue as with the blue, knitting back and forth eight times, this makes one stripe.

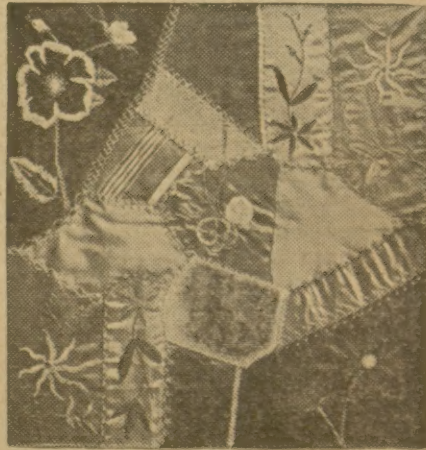
Make nineteen of these stripes, every other one seam and every other one plain. Carry the yarn from one stripe to the next instead of breaking, and when casting off stitches drop every fourth one, then ravel these through to the other edge of the cape, draw the side where the yarn is carried along from one stripe to the other up quite close for the neck.

Now crochet a collar and a narrow border for the bottom of the cape. For the border first make a chain stitch, then commence in the first stitch of the blue stripe with white and make chain of twenty stitches, catch to first stitch of white stripe, chain twenty, catch to first stitch of blue stripe and so continue across bottom of cape. Now with the blue, start in first stitch of white chain, make chain 10, catch in 4th white ch., ch. 20, catch in 19th st., ch. 10, catch in 4th st. of next white loop, ch. 20, catch in 19th st. Continue making as many rows as one likes.

The neck can be finished in the same way or with a little scalloped collar. Run in ribbon around the neck to complete it. For a broad-shouldered person twenty-seven or perhaps more stripes will be needed.

Embroidered Pillow Top

Odd pieces can be worked up into a very handsome pillow if combined with embroidery. The design here illustrated shows a combination of silk, satin and velvet, each of the larger pieces being decorated either by an embroidered or painted flower. This of course has to be done before the pieces are basted on to a piece of firm lining or sateen. All the



ORNAMENTED IN CAT OR BRIAR STITCHES.

edges should be turned in and cat or briar-stitched in the usual crazy patchwork way. Finish the pillow either with a cord or ruffle of ribbon. MRS. LIZZIE MOULTON.

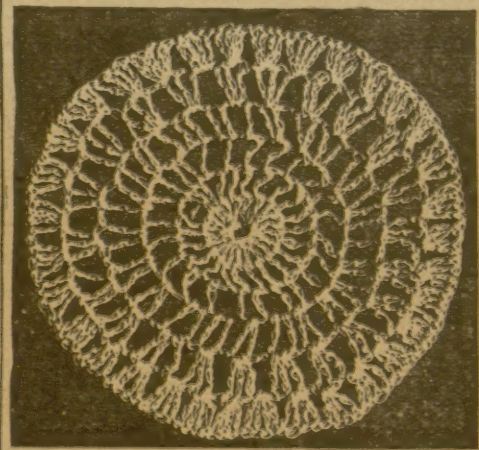
Doily with Edge of Hairpin Braid

For illustration see opposite page.

For this three or more yards will be needed according to the size of the linen center used. Begin by making ch. 10, then 1 s. c., catching three hairpin loops together. Repeat this until ten groups of three hairpin threads have been taken up, chain ch. 5, then take up 10 hairpin threads, ch. 5, and take up three hairpin threads, chain ch. 5 chain and go into center of chain of the last ch. 10, continue until you have gone into all ten chains and taken up the groups of three threads.

To form the edge of scallop, make ch. 6, take up one hairpin thread, ch. 6, and continue the same until there has been 10 threads taken up. Continue this until there are 24 scallops. Then start at the opposite side, but put ch. 3 between each hairpin thread which forms the top scallop. Work around the edge again, looping ch. 7 into each scallop, last row make ch. 10 and catch into 5th ch., ch. 5 and catch into ch. 7 and so on until completed.

Use linen which has been shrunken and divide your circle into 24 equal parts. Use small glass or any perfect circle to mark the scallops, cut out, baste this and the lace edge to heavy paper, then buttonhole the two together, using either linen or mercerized cotton for the purpose. MRS. D. P. LEWIS.



DOILY IN TREBLE CROCHET.

5th round.—Ch. 4, 2 tr. under each ch. 2, ch. 2, 2 tr. and repeat all around.

6th round.—Ch. 4, ch. 1, 1 tr., ch. 1, 1 tr., ch. 3, 1 tr., ch. 1, 1 tr., ch. 1, 1 tr., ch. 3, repeat.

7th round.—Ch. 4, 1 tr., ch. 1, 1 tr., ch. 1, 1 tr. all under chain between the groups of 3 tr.



SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Madeline Clyde, a young girl, not fifteen, anxious to help pay the mortgage on her grandfather Markham's farm, applies for a school. Dr. Holbrook, a native of Boston, and lately settled in Devonshire, is appointed Inspector of schools. Guy Remington, engaged to Lucy Atherstone, his stepmother Agnes, in love with Dr. Holbrook, and her daughter Jessie, drive from Alkenskide. In a spirit of fun Dr. Holbrook asks Guy Remington to write the certificate. Grandpa Markham leaves Maddy at Dr. Holbrook's office and drives to Alkenskide to ask Guy Remington for the loan of three hundred dollars.

Guy Remington asks questions beyond Maddy's understanding and she falls. She overhears Guy when he tells Dr. Holbrook the mortgage may be good as the average. The doctor attempts to write the certificate. Maddy confronts them and refuses to accept what would be a lie. She faints dead away. Jessie Remington finds her and calls her brother and Dr. Holbrook, who applies restoratives. They leave her with Jessie and she tells her the disappointment in not helping pay the mortgage. Guy is not at home, and Mrs. Noah, who knows his business gives Grandpa Markham no encouragement. Driving home he sees Guy Remington's carriage. He raises his hand for the driver to stop and reins his horse a little too near, and there is a collision. Guy seizes the driver by the collar and hurls him from the seat. Grandpa makes his request. Guy is about to make repairs on Alkenskide and partially promises to loan money to Mr. Silas Slocum on good security. It's Grandpa Markham's homestead. Guy changes his mind and will not loan to Slocum. Three days later and Maddy Clyde is sick with a raging fever. Dr. Holbrook is called. He hears Maddy talk of the examination, of the mortgage and foreclosure and that Beauty must be sold. He regrets his mistake. Guy and Jessie, with the doctor, drive to Maddy's home. The latter sits by her side as she returns to partial consciousness. Guy promises Grandpa Markham money to pay the mortgage and then he tells Guy how he saved his father's life and shows the long white scar on his forehead. Dr. Holbrook rides back to Alkenskide with Guy. The doctor's presence prevents Mrs. Remington from a passion when told Jessie is exposed to a fever. Dr. Holbrook will be answerable for any disease caught at Mr. Markham's. At the mention of this name Mrs. Remington glances at Guy. She imagines a peculiar expression in his face. Jessie asks to visit Maddy. Mrs. Remington refuses. The doctor wonders what he can take Maddy. Guy enters with an exquisite bouquet. Dr. Holbrook takes it to Maddy—a gift from Guy Remington. The doctor takes Maddy for a drive; they met Mrs. Agnes Remington. Maddy is fascinated by her beauty and the glitter of a gold bracelet. She asks the doctor if he is a Christian. He ought to be, he is no old—only ten years older than Maddy. Agnes' husband was twenty years older. Maddy insists she cannot marry a man more than five years older. The doctor requests her to remember this day. Maddy repeats the conversation to her grandmother, who tells her the ruin wrought by a young girl, who fancies herself in love with Maddy's great uncle Joseph and who leaves him for wealth and position.

Agnes Remington proposes a trip to Saratoga. Meanwhile a governess must be procured for Jessie. Dr. Holbrook calls and recommends Maddy Clyde. Rather than have Jessie associate with a country girl she will stay at home. She has her choice. The following morning she writes and writes a letter to Maddy Clyde. Reading it to Guy he substitutes a companion for "waiting maid" and pays three dollars per week instead of one. Dr. Holbrook brings Maddy to Alkenskide. She is disappointed not to meet Guy who starts that day for Saratoga with Agnes. Maddy is bewildered when Jessie asks her what dress she will wear to dinner and she asks her to wear the green tulle dress. The doctor, passing her room, hears the sound of weeping, and going to Maddy, she declares she can never do as they do. He draws Jessie aside and adroitly tells her the cause of the tears. Maddy is introduced to Mrs. Noah, who makes her welcome.

They return from Saratoga. Mrs. Agnes listens to Jessie's exaggerated account of the number of times the doctor has been there and in her jealous inform Maddy the duties required of her and her future position in the home. In her bewilderment Maddy goes to the garden where Guy finds her in tears. Unconscious it is Guy she opens her heart to him. Maddy learns he is master of Alkenskide and Mrs. Agnes is made to understand it. Mrs. Agnes calls Maddy to breakfast and Guy requests she preside at the table. Again Maddy tells Guy she cannot stay. Jessie needs her. Mrs. Remington treats her better and Maddy relents. Guy suggests her being the scholar and he the teacher. Visions of what she will do for Uncle Joseph come to her, and she tells Guy the sad story. Before beginning the lessons Guy writes Lucy Atherstone the circumstances.

CHAPTER XII.
LUCY'S LETTER.

At last the answer came, and it was Maddy who brought it to Guy. She had been home that day, and had ridden by the post-office as Guy had requested her to do. She saw the letter brought a foreign postmark, also that it was in a delicate handwriting, but the sight did not affect her in the least. Maddy's heart was far too heavy to care for a trifle.

The letter was decidedly Lucy-ish in all that pertained to her "precious Guy," but when she came to Maddy Clyde, her true, womanly nature spoke; and Guy felt how good she was. Of course he might teach Maddy Clyde, and it made Lucy love him better to know that he was willing to do such things. She wished she was there to help him; but she did not know when mamma would let her come. Her cough had come earlier this season than last. The physician had advised a winter in Naples. Then followed a few more lines sacred to the lover's eye, for Lucy spoke to him now for the first time of what might possibly be.

"I've dreamed about it nights," she said. "I've thought about it days, and tried so hard to be reconciled; to feel that if God will have it so, I am willing to die before you have ever called me your little wife, or I have ever called you husband. Heaven is better than earth, I know, and I am sure of going there, I think, but oh, dear Guy, a life with you looks so very sweet that sometimes your little Lucy shrinks from the dark grave which would hide her forever from you. Guy, you once said you never prayed, but you will when you get this, won't you? You will ask God to make me well, and maybe He will hear you. Do, Guy, pray for your Lucy, far away over the sea."

Guy could not resist that touching appeal, and though his lips were all unused to prayer, bowing his head upon his hands he did ask that she might live, beseeching the Father to send upon him any calamity save this one—Lucy must be spared. Guy felt better for having prayed, and though his heart yet was very sad, a part of the load was lifted, and he could think of Lucy now without the bitter pain her letter had cost him. Was there nobody who could cure her? Her disease was not hereditary; surely it might be made to yield; had English physicians no skill, would not an American do better? It was possible, and if Lucy's mother would let her come where doctors knew something, she might get well; but she wouldn't, and so "if the mountain would not come to Mahomet, why, Mahomet

must go to the mountain," and Guy fairly leaped from his chair as he exclaimed: "I have it—doc!—he's the most skillful man I ever knew. I'll send him to England; send him to the Atherstones; he shall go to Naples with them as their family physician; he can cure Lucy; I'll speak to him the very next time he comes here;" and with another burden lifted from his mind, Guy began to wonder where Maddy was.

He knew she had returned, and he was about going out, in hopes of finding her and Jessie, when he heard her in the hall, as she answered some question of Mrs. Noah's; stepping to the door, he asked her to come in, saying he would if she chose, appoint the lessons talked about so long. Ordinarily, Maddy's eyes would have flashed with delight, now, however, there was a sad look upon her face, and she could scarcely keep from crying as she came at Guy's bidding, and sat upon the sofa, near to his armchair. Somehow it rested Guy to look at Maddy Clyde, who, having recovered from her illness, seemed the very embodiment of perfect health, a health which glowed and sparkled all over her bright face; showing itself as well in the luxuriance of her glossy hair as in the brilliancy of her complexion and the flash of her lustrous eyes. How Guy wished that Lucy could share in what seemed almost a superfluity of health; and why shouldn't she? Dr. Holbrook had cured Maddy; Dr. Holbrook could cure Lucy; and so for the present dismissing that from his mind, he turned to Maddy, and said the time had come when he could give those promised lessons, asking if she would commence tomorrow, and what she would prefer to take up first.

"Oh, Mr. Remington, I am afraid I cannot stay! They need me at home, or may, Grandpa said so and I don't want to go, though I know it's wicked not to, oh, dear! dear!"

Here Maddy broke down entirely, sobbing so convulsively that Guy wondered what he ought to do to quiet her.

Controlling her voice as well as she was able Maddy told him the physicians at the asylum had written that as Uncle Joseph would in all human probability never be perfectly sane, and as a change of scene would do him good, Mr. Markham had better try taking him for a while. "They have kept him so long," Maddy said, "that grandpa thought it his duty to relieve them, though he can't well afford it, and so he's coming next week, and grandpa will need someone to help, and I must go. I know it's wrong, but I do not want to go, try as I will."

It was a gloomy prospect to exchange Alkenskide for the humble home, and it was not very strange that Maddy should shrink from it at first, and so, when Guy began to devise ways of preventing her going, she listened, as her faith in Guy grew stronger. He would drive down with her tomorrow, he said, and see what could be done. Meanwhile she must dry her eyes and go to Jessie, who was calling her.

As Guy had half expected, the doctor came around that evening, and Guy proceeded at once to unfold his scheme, asking him first:

"How much he probably received a year for his services as physician."

The doctor could not tell at once, but after a little thought, made an estimate, and then inquired why Guy had asked the question.

"Because, Doc, I have a project on foot. Lucy Atherstone is dying with what they call consumption. I don't believe those old fogies understand her disease, and if you will go over to England and undertake her cure, I'll give you just double what you'll get by remaining here. They are going to Naples for the winter, and, undoubtedly, will spend some time in Paris. It will be just the thing for you. Lucy and her mother will be glad of your services when they know I sent you. Lucy likes you now. Will you go? You can trust Maddy to me. I'll take good care that she is worthy of you when you come back."

At the mention of Maddy's name the doctor's brow darkened. He was sure that Guy meant kindly, but it grated on his feelings to be thus joked about what he knew was a stern reality. Guy's project appeared to him at first a most insane one, but as he continued to enlarge upon it, and the advantages it would be to the doctor to travel in the Old World, a feeling of enthusiasm was kindled in his own breast; a desire to visit Naples and France, and the places he had dreamed of as a boy, but never hoped to see. Guy's plan began to look more feasible, and possibly he might have yielded but for one thought, and that a thought of Maddy Clyde. He would not leave her alone with Guy, even though Guy was true to Lucy as steel. He would stay; he would watch; and in time he would win the young girl waiting now for him in the hall below, waiting to tell him "mid blushes of shame and tears of regret how she had meant to pay him with her very first wages, but now Uncle Joseph was coming home, and he must wait a little longer."

"Would he, could he be so good?" and unmindful of Guy's presence, Maddy laid her hand confidently upon his arm while her soft eyes looked beseechingly into his.

How the doctor wished Guy was away, and kindly taking the hint, Guy left them together in the lighted hall. Sitting down on the sofa, and making Maddy sit beside him, the doctor began:

"Maddy, you know I mean what I say, at least to you, and when I tell you that I never think of that bill except when you speak of it, you will believe me. I know your grandfather's circumstances, and I know, too, that I did much to induce your sickness, consequently if I made one out at all, it would be a very small one."

He did not get any further, for Maddy hastily interrupted him, and while her eyes flashed with pride exclaimed:

"I will not be a charity patient! I'd be a hired girl before I'd do it!"

It hurt the doctor to see Maddy so troubled about dollars and cents—to know that poverty was pressing its iron hand upon her young heart, and only because she was so young did he refrain from offering her then and there a resting place from the ills of life in his sheltering love. But she was not prepared, and he should only defeat his object by his rashness, so he restrained himself, though he did pass his arm partly around her waist as he said to her:

"I tell you, Maddy, honestly, that when I want

that bill liquidated I'll ask you, and I'll let you pay it, too. Does that satisfy you?"

Yes, Maddy was satisfied, and after a little the doctor continued:

"By the way, Maddy, I have some idea of going to Europe for a few months, or a year or more. You know it does a physician good to study a while in Paris. What do you think of it?"

The doctor had become quite necessary to Maddy's happiness. He it was to whom she confided all her little troubles, and to lose him would be a terrible loss, and so she answered that if it would be much better for him she supposed he ought to go, though she should miss him sadly, and be so lonely without him.

"Would you Maddy? Are you in earnest? Would you be the lonelier for my being gone?" the doctor asked eagerly. With her usual truthfulness, Maddy replied: "Of course I should," and when after the conference was ended, the doctor stood for a moment talking with Guy, bidding him good night, he said: "I think I shall not accept your European proposition. Somebody else must cure Lucy."

The next day, as Guy had proposed, he rode down to Honedale, taking Maddy with him, and offered so many reasons why she should not be called home that the old people began to relent, particularly as they saw how Maddy's heart was set on the lessons Guy was going to give her. She might never have a like opportunity, the young man said, and as a good education would put her in the way of helping them when they were older and needed her more. It was their duty to leave her with them. He knew they objected to her receiving three dollars a week, but he should pay it just the same, and if they chose they might with a part of it, hire a little girl to do the work which Maddy would do were she at home. All this sounded very feasible, especially as it was backed up by Maddy's eyes, brimful of tears, and fixed pleadingly upon her grandfather. The sight of them, more than Guy's arguments, influenced the old man, who decided that, if grandpa were willing, Maddy should stay, unless absolutely needed at the cottage. Then the tears burst forth, and winding her arms around her grandfather's neck, Maddy sobbed out her thanks, asking if it were selfish and wicked in her to prefer learning, rather than staying there.

"Not if that's your only reason," grandpa replied. "It's right to want learning; but if my child is biased by the fine things at Alkenskide, and hates to come back to her poor home, because 'tis poor, I should say it was very natural, but not exactly right."

Maddy was very happy after it was settled, and chatted gayly with her grandmother, while Guy went out with her grandfather, who wished to speak with him alone.

"Young man," he said, "you have taken a deep interest in me and mine since I first came to know you, and I thank you for it all. I have nothing to give in return except my prayers, and those you have every day; you and the doctor. I pray for you two just as I do for Maddy, somehow you three come in together. You're uncommon good to Maddy. 'Taint everyone like you who would offer and insist on learning her. I don't know what you do it for. You seem honest. You can't, of course, ever dream of making her your wife, and, if I thought—yes, if I supposed that in your heart there was the shadow of an intention to deceive my child, to ruin my Maddy, I'd thrizzle you here on the spot, old as I am and bitterly as I should repent it."

Guy attempted to speak, but grandpa motioned him to be silent, while he went on:

"I do not suspect you, and that's why I trust her with you. My old eyes are dim, but I can see enough now to know that Maddy is beautiful. Her mother was so before her, and the Clydes were a handsome race. My Alice was elevated, folks thought, by marrying Captain Clyde, but I don't think so, she was pure and good as the angels, and Maddy is much like her, only she has the ambition of the Clydes; has the taste for everything a little above her. She wouldn't make nobody blush if she was mistress of Alkenskide."

Grandpa felt relieved when he had said all this to Guy, who listened politely, smiling at the idea of his deceiving Maddy, and fully concurring with grandpa in all he said of her rare beauty and natural gracefulness. On their return to the house grandpa showed Guy the bedroom intended for Uncle Joseph, and Guy, as he glanced at the furniture, thought within himself how he would send down from Alkenskide some of the unused articles piled away in the garret when he refurbished his house. He was becoming greatly interested in the Markhams, caring nothing for the remarks his interest might excite among the neighbors, some of whom watched Maddy half curiously as in the stylish carriage, beside its stylish owner, she rode back to Alkenskide in the quiet autumnal afternoon.

CHAPTER XIII.

UNCLE JOSEPH.

In the course of time Uncle Joseph came, and on the day following Maddy and Guy rode down to see him, finding him a tall, powerfully built man, retaining many vestiges of manly beauty, and fully warranting all Mrs. Markham had said in his praise. He seemed perfectly gentle and harmless, though when Guy was announced as Mr. Remington, there was for an instant a fiery gleam, but it quickly passed away, as he muttered:

"Much too young; he was older than I and I am over forty. It's all right," and the poor lunatic turned to Maddy, telling her how pretty she was, asking her if she were engaged, and bidding her to be careful that her fiancé was not more than a dozen years older than herself.

Uncle Joseph seemed to take to her from the very first, touching her fair soft cheeks, smoothing her silken hair, telling her Sarah's used to curl, asking if she knew where Sarah was, and finally crying for her as a child cries for its mother, when at last she went away. Much of this Maddy had repeated to Jessie, as they sat together in the parlor at Alkenskide; and Jessie was not the only listener, for with her head bent

eagerly forward, Agnes sat, so as not to lose a word of what Maddy was saying of Uncle Joseph. Anxiously she had waited for the result of Maddy's visit to the poor man, and her face was colorless as marble as she heard him described, while a faint sigh escaped her when Maddy told her what he had said of Sarah.

Agnes was changed somewhat of late. She had grown more thoughtful and quiet, while her manner toward Maddy was not as haughty as formerly.

About two weeks after Uncle Joseph's arrival at Honedale, she startled Guy by saying she thought it nearly time for her to return to Boston if she meant to spend the winter there, and asked what she should do with Jessie.

Guy was not quite willing for Agnes to leave him there alone, but when he saw she was determined, he consented to her going, with the understanding that Jessie was to remain—a plan which Agnes did not oppose, as a child as large as Jessie might stand in the way of her being as gay as she meant to be in Boston. Jessie, too, when consulted, said she would far rather stay at Alkenskide; and so one November morning, Agnes, wrapped in velvets and furs, kissed her little daughter, and bidding good by to Maddy and the servants, left a neighborhood which, since Uncle Joseph was so near, had become so intolerable, that not even the hope of winning the doctor could avail to keep her in it.

Guy accompanied her to the city, wondering why, when he used to like it so much, it now seemed dull and tiresome, or why the society he had formerly enjoyed failed to bring back the olden pleasure he had experienced when a resident of Boston. Guy was very popular there, and great were the efforts made to entertain and keep him as long as possible. But Guy could not be prevailed upon to stay there long, and after seeing Agnes settled in one of the most fashionable boarding-houses, he started for Alkenskide.

It was dark when he reached home, and the house presented rather a cheerless appearance as, in consequence of Mrs. Noah's not expecting him that day, no fires had been kindled in the parlors, or in any room except the library. There a bright coal fire was blazing in the grate, and thither Guy repaired, finding, as he had expected, Jessie and her teacher. Not liking to intrude on Mr. Guy, of whom she still stood somewhat in awe, Maddy soon rose to leave, but Guy bade her stay; he should be lonely without her, he said; and so bringing her work, she sat down to sew, while Jessie looked over a book of prints, and Guy, upon the lounge studied the face which, it seemed to him, grew each day more and more beautiful. Then he talked with her of books, and the lessons which were to be resumed on the morrow, watching Maddy as her bright face sparkled and glowed with excitement. Then he questioned her of her father's family, feeling a strange sense of satisfaction in knowing that the Clydes were not a race of whose blood anyone need be ashamed; and Maddy was more like them, he was sure, than like the Markhams and Guy shivered a little as he recalled the peculiar dialect of Mr. and Mrs. Markham, and remembered that they were Maddy's grandparents. Not that it was anything to him. Oh, no! Only as an inmate of his family he felt interested in her, more so perhaps than young men were apt to be interested in their sisters' governess.

Had Guy then been asked the question, he would in all probability, have acknowledged that in his heart there was a feeling of superiority to Maddy Clyde; that she was not quite the equal of Alkenskide's heir, nor yet of Lucy Atherstone. It was natural; he had been educated to feel the difference, but any haughty arrogance of which he might have been guilty was kept down by his extreme good sense and generous, impulsive nature. He liked Maddy; he liked to look at her as, in the becoming crimson merino she sat before him, with the firelight falling on her hair and making shadows on her sunny face, to him was luxurious in his tastes, and it seemed to him that Maddy was just the picture to set off that room, or in fact all the rooms at Alkenskide. She would disgrace none of them, and he found himself wishing that Providence had made her something to him—sister or cousin, or anything that would make her a Remington.

Guy was not forgetting Lucy Atherstone. He thought of her many times that evening, and in his dreams that night, Lucy and Maddy shared pretty equally, but the latter was associated with the lessons of the morrow, while Lucy was the bright day star for which he lived and hoped. It did not take long for the people of Somerville to hear that Guy Remington had actually turned schoolmaster, having in his library for hours or more each day Jessie's little girl governess, about whose brilliant beauty there was so much said—people wondering, as people will, where it would end, and if it could be possible that the haughty Guy had forgotten his English Lucy and gone to educate a wife.

The doctor, to whom these remarks were sometimes made, silently gnashed his teeth, then said savagely that "if Guy chose to teach Maddy Clyde, he did not see whose business it was," and then rode over to Alkenskide to see the teacher and pupil, half hoping that Guy would soon tire of his project and give it up. But Guy grew more and more pleased with his employment, until, at last, from giving Maddy two hours of his time, he came to give her four, esteeming them the pleasantest of the whole twenty-four. Guy was proud of Maddy's improvement, praising her often to the doctor, who also marveled at the rapid development of her mind and the progress she made, grasping a knotty point almost before it was explained, and retaining with wonderful tenacity what she learned.

It mattered nothing to Guy that neighbors gossiped; there were none familiar enough to tell him what was said, except the doctor or Mrs. Noah. As in Honedale, so in Somerville, Maddy was a favorite, and those who interested themselves most in the matter never said anything worse of her and Mr. Guy than that he might perhaps be educating his own wife, and insinuating that it would be a great "come up" for Grandfather Markham's child. But Maddy never dreamed of such a thing, and kept on her pleasant way, reciting every day to Guy and going every Wednesday to the red cottage, whither, after the first visit to Uncle Joseph, Guy never accompanied her. Jessie on the contrary went often to Honedale, where one at least always greeted her coming, stealing up closely to her, whispering softly: "Daisy is come again."

From the first Uncle Joseph had taken to Jessie, calling her Sarah for a while, and then changing the name to "Daisy"—"Daisy Mortimer, his little girl," he persisted in calling her, watching from his window for her coming, and crying whenever Maddy appeared without her. At first Agnes, from her city home, forbade Jessie's going so often to see a lunatic; but when Jessie described the poor, crazy man's delight at sight of her, telling how quiet and happy he seemed if he could but lay his hand on her head, or touch her hair, she withdrew her restrictions, and, as if moved to an unwonted burst of tenderness, wrote to her daughter: "Comfort that crazy man all you can; he needs it so much."

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Points to Remember

Always write on one side of the paper only and leave space between the lines.

Write recipes, hints and requests on separate paper instead of including them in the letters.

Mail all letters at least THREE MONTHS before the issue for which they are intended.

Always give your correct name and address, as no letter will be published excepting over it. This enables the sisters to write directly to each other.

Do not write us for samples or patterns of the fancy work which have appeared. When publishing any particular piece of work, we give the plainest possible directions for making and usually illustrate it. It is absolutely useless for you to write for more information, or for samples, or patterns of anything unless stated that they can be supplied.

As it has come to our notice that sisters have been asking certain sums for information and patterns that should have been furnished free, we here give notice that no charge should be made or money asked for any of our assistance or information which have or will appear in any letters here published; should there be, kindly notify us, and the offender will be denied the further use of these columns. As this department is run solely to afford an opportunity for the mutual exchange of ideas, recipes, and helpful information, we do not intend it to be used by anyone for a commercial purpose.

Do not send us exchange notices; we have no exchange column, and cannot publish them.

Do not ask us to publish letters referring to money in any way, such as requesting donations or offering articles for sale. Much as we sympathize with the suffering and unfortunate it is impossible to do this as we would be flooded with similar requests.

Do not request souvenir postals unless you have complied with the conditions which entitle you to such a notice. See offer.

All subscribers are cordially invited to write to this department and all stand on an equal chance of having their letters appear, whether they are old or new members. As our space is limited, naturally the most interesting helpful letters are selected.

Write fully of your views and ideas, yourself and home surroundings, "give as freely as ye receive," but if your first letter does not appear, do not feel utterly discouraged. Remember the old adage, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHELAN WILKINSON, care COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

NOTHING is more acceptable, and perhaps nothing really pleases us more than receiving a letter. It may bring us glad tidings, or it may contain that which will make us sad, but the thought that someone is thinking of us, and has taken the time to put those thoughts into words, is even gratifying, and out from our hearts goes a little prayer of thanks.

I carefully read every letter that comes to this department; every letter is appreciated and full of interest to us, and it is always with regret that so many must be laid aside because the corner is overflowing. But keep on writing just the same. Your letters help, and in time one will find its way to print. As the corner is conducted for the mutual benefit of the sisters, we print the letters that are most helpful. It often occurs that a large number are written on the same subject, then the best are selected, a course which I am sure you will all approve.

Let us together make the corner as interesting as possible. Write us of the things that make you glad, and of the things that vex you. Those who belong to a club, or any kind of a woman's organization, please write us about it, and what you accomplish. Let the range of subjects be as broad as possible, for thereby we shall one and all profit.

Now, just a word about requested correspondence, with promises to answer. Do not expect too much, and do not be disappointed if a reply is late, or it may not come at all. Where so many letters are received by one sister, or requested reading matter pours in at an unexpected rate, it may become a physical impossibility to reply to all, and unless one is prepared to answer a large number of letters, it is unsafe to offer information on a particular subject, as from over six million readers, one is liable to receive hundreds or thousands of letters. Of course when you write one of the sisters requesting an answer, you should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the reply.

In the January COMFORT there appeared a letter signed by Mrs. Magdalen Clark of Roseburg, Oregon, which gave an intelligent, interesting account of her life in that town. This evidently attracted widespread attention, for Mrs. Clark received over four hundred unsolicited requests for further information. You can readily see how impossible it would be for a sister to answer so many letters, with her time already occupied with home duties. And too, of course none of these four hundred and more writers realized they were one of so many seeking the same information. Mrs. Clark is greatly distressed that she cannot reply personally to all, and in her desire to be helpful and cause no disappointment to others, she appeals to COMFORT and requests that for the benefit of all who write her, that the following general description of Roseburg be published, in which Mrs. Clark endeavors to cover all questions asked.

DEAR SISTERS:

Roseburg has five thousand population. It is the county seat of Douglas Co., Oregon, on main line of S. P. R., with a new road surveyed to Co's Bay, which will give us the best market on the coast. Roseburg lies one hundred and ninety miles south of Portland, about eighty miles east of Co's Bay. Much building is being done here now, carpenters receiving from two to three dollars and fifty cents per day. Rents are high, cost of living similar to East. This country is mainly hills, valleys and intervals, good soil, no irrigation done here; plenty of oak, fir and laurel in nearby hills. Diversified farming is the rule; stock graze all winter, no free range, good dairy country. No storms of any kind, wind velocity four miles an hour. No mosquitoes or large snakes, few insects, no fevers. Unimproved land close in two hundred to eight hundred dollars with fruit in small tracts, farm land from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre, timber and stock land cheaper, good fair markets for all. Fine poultry country, coldest day this winter eighteen above zero; light fall of snow in hills, trees now budding. Green grass everywhere, spring now here. No gardens started indoors. For the poor man getting a start, that depends greatly on himself. As for the rainy season, all must judge for themselves. Our rains are usually warm and we have very little fog. Yours in friendship,

Mrs. MAGDALEN CLARK.

DEAR SISTERS:

That COMFORT is the right thing in the right place is a noted fact. There are many magazines that deal with the servant problem, etc., which three quarters of the women of this land are never bothered with, but the real home interests and the uniting of heart and sympathy belong to the readers of this grand little paper. I have gotten up several clubs and to prove my love for COMFORT sent three subscriptions for Christmas gifts. Can't you when your birthday rolls around or the birthday of some friend, an old lady or tired mother whom you know is not able to subscribe and has a houseful of little ones, send a subscription to her? It is the little things that count, and then have that subscription credited to the wheel-chair fund. I find in the Feb. number two letters that are sad and lonely and to them I would suggest Uncle Charlie's poems and read the story of his

beautiful life of self sacrifice to the pleasure and comforts of others. So busy is he thinking how to make someone happy, he forgets his afflictions. God bless him in his noble work. Try his recipe and I don't think the world will be gloomy and sad. I have a loved one gone; a dear little baby is with Jesus. I would not call her back to this sinful world, I think these things come to us to make us better. Don't think of God as a cruel Father, but as a kind and loving Saviour. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his soul." Better suffer here and reign forever with God, than have all the good things of this life and spend eternity in endless darkness. I have not much of this world's goods, but have a happy, cheerful disposition and don't go through the world thinking I am the most unlucky person alive, because I don't have all the comforts of life, and none of the luxuries. I consider COMFORT a necessity and don't expect to try to do without it. Would like to hear from someone that has homesteaded land in Arkansas. Also anyone by the name of Overshiner, my maiden name, or any other that would like to correspond. With best wishes, MRS. MARGARET FULTZ, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Mrs. Fultz. I have greatly enjoyed your cheery letter, and your grand idea of giving a subscription to COMFORT, as a gift to your friends, strikes a sympathetic cord. Think of the loving sympathy, good cheer and wholesome enjoyment which you extend to them, besides the helpful exchange of ideas which every woman seeks. And then consider the small cost all this is to us—only twenty-five cents. Every woman in moderate circumstances and many who have a liberal share of this world's goods desire to do their own housekeeping. It is among this band, that the best women our country produces are found. They have helpful, uplifting natures; they are God-loving, earnest, practical workers. They "waste not, want not." Write us again, Mrs. Fultz.

EASY ENOUGH to win two cash prizes this month besides club premiums,—an April monthly prize and a grand prize, too, by a one month's try,—TRY IT.

DEAR READERS:

I have been a silent reader and admirer of COMFORT for four or five years, but never could summon courage to enter the sister's corner. Since I am here, however, and partially acquainted with some of you, I don't feel alarmed one bit. I enjoy reading the sisters' letters, especially those in the Feb. COMFORT.

Mrs. L. D. Goodday of Spokane, Wash. You have my sympathy; perhaps the dark cloud that now overshadows you will, after a while reveal a silver lining. I have a brother who once lived in Spokane, but now lives in Walla-Walla, Wash. Have not seen him for five years.

We moved from New Mexico last March. I was born in Texas and naturally think it the best state of all. The sisters express my sentiments exactly in saying COMFORT is the best paper published. When my subscription expires I will renew immediately. How many of you believe in novel reading? I would like to hear your views on the subject. I was one day getting subscribers for COMFORT, and asked one lady to allow me to add her name to the million and one quarter list of COMFORT subscribers, but she said "she never read love stories." Now what could she read that is more elevating and holds up a higher standard of Christian principles than COMFORT, unless indeed it be the Bible?

I think Uncle Charlie and W. H. Gannett are doing a noble work. May success be with them always. Like many others, I anxiously wait for each issue of COMFORT and wish it was a weekly instead of a monthly magazine. Will the sisters please send me a letter shower from 1st to 9th of July inclusively, as I will be twenty-four years of age, the last named date being my birthday. I am a loyal friend to COMFORT. MRS. SIDNEY EDWARDS, Beebe, R. D. 2, Ark.

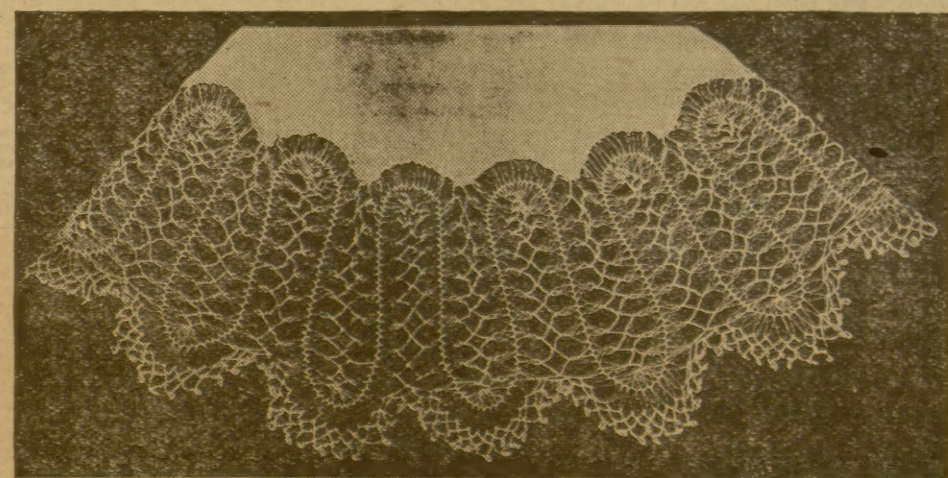
Mrs. Edwards. Just a word about the experience you refer to. This question immediately suggested itself, "What would the world be without love?" It is our protector, our natural guardian. How many times do we do, or not do a thing because of our love for someone, and this is why we are instinctively attracted to a story of love. Some of the most celebrated novels tell of noble deeds done, all through the guidance of a great love. I am sure this lady would think differently if she really knew our COMFORT.

DEAR EDITORS AND COMFORT READERS:

If I had the first COMFORT I ever received it would be enough to vote, for it's twenty-four years that it has been a regular visitor to our home. Is it any wonder every page in it is dear to me? But such a change as those years make with the best of us and mine have been so very sad. How tiny COMFORT used to be, when we chatted with "Aunt Minerva" and her owls. I was too small to understand my own reading then, and my now dear sainted mother would read it for me. I have never written to COMFORT until now. I simply cannot keep silent any longer, but must thank each and everyone for their many helpful letters.

How much good the editors are doing for the shut-ins! Poor Uncle Charlie, how sorry I am that he is so good and noble must suffer to sympathize; surely he is one of the Lord's chosen. He chastiseth those whom he loves. Their patient suffering should be example enough for us to submit to His will, and in this good cause more than we do.

Some women are anxious to vote and take part in politics, but I am more anxious in the way of keeping boys and girls on the farm, amid home surroundings and good Sunday schools. I was brought up in the city and since I came to this country for my health, I am not surprised that boys and girls are getting dissatisfied at home. Mothers and fathers, are you doing yourself justice, or your duty by your precious children? A great many are greedy and do not know it, for you have tolled, drugged and saved until it has become a habit; you never stop to rest a moment, you deprive yourself of the slightest pleasure or comfort and neglect your own person, work and worry until you are old before your time with scarcely a thought of your children. Remember the time to begin with them is when they are treading on your toes. If you use the proper influence and are firm with them they are easier conquered; impress on their minds that you correct them because you love them. Do not abuse a child because you can, or when you are angry. Teach them manners at home and you will not be ashamed when you go abroad; thank them for any service they may render you, as you would a stranger, show them you appreciate their help, and never grumble at the extra work if they have com-



DOILY WITH HAIRPIN LACE EDGE.

By Mrs. D. P. Lewis.

pany; deny a child a happy home, and they are robbed of the happiest days of their lives.

I have organized and superintended Sunday schools, and for many years have been president of both home and foreign missionary societies. If any church workers care to hear some of my experiences in this work I will gladly write them.

Sisters if you have an invalid in your community that needs a chair, why not aid the editor in this good cause? Try a donation supper; charge admission, or get some brother to auction off pies and cakes, or any way you think best, have it announced that a chair is to be donated to the church, for anyone to use that needs it. Send the money to the editor, and have him send COMFORT to friends or such homes as cannot take a paper, or if your school hasn't a library,

cushions (don't stuff too tight), just big enough to wrap around each pail, covering its outside surface from top to bottom. Put on the top cushion and fasten down the lid tightly, and the fireless cooker is completed. The idea is to protect the pails on every side with a layer of hay, so as to prevent the escape of heat. This gradual cooling does the cooking.

For meat, beans, potatoes or anything to be boiled, place it in one of the pails and bring to a good boil over the fire, then cover tightly when it is boiling hard; set it in the fireless cooker, wrapping the cushion around it and cover tightly. It will need no more attention for four or five hours, when you will find the food deliciously cooked.

By this method you can start a boiled dinner while you are washing the breakfast dishes and it abso-

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get busy the same way. Have the money sent for books as premiums and let the editor help distribute it. I don't think you will do it. Just think of the good it will do, and how many subscribers you will get. If you do not succeed in raising enough the first time try again. Ice cream, or oyster suppers are nice. This would be something for the entire family to enjoy. I hope a great many will act upon this suggestion.

How many of the sisters are interested in poultry? Everyone on the farm should be. If the women on the farm would insist on having more convenient things around the house, work would not be such a burden. If anyone would like a sure cure for chicken cholera, and will write me inclosing postage, I will send you a recipe that can be filled at any drug store for a trifle which never fails to cure. I have known this to cure when they were past eating. Wishing every COMFORT reader success, MRS. L. C. WILLIAMS, Watonga, R. D. 1, Okla.

Mrs. Williams. Thanks for your good and helpful letter. I wish you might write Mrs. D. a Conley, for I believe you can help her.

DEAR SISTERS:

For three years I have been an appreciative listener of COMFORT's large, silent audience. We have three little ones, and although my husband is not strong, he is one of the best. I do so want to help him. Can anyone suggest any kind of work which can be done at home whereby I can earn some money, and at the same time care for my home. I try to save in every way.

How many of the sisters have a fireless cooker? I have a home made one which is all right; it is such an economical device, I count it a great blessing.

Any man can easily make one from the following directions: First get three granite-ware pails with tight covers. Any size you need. Make a box large enough to hold the three pails and leave a margin of from six to eight inches between the pails and all around the sides; also have the box twelve inches deeper than the height of the pails. Now make six cushions of coarse ducking or cotton flannel, about six inches thick and to fit the sides, ends, top and bottom (inside) of the box. Stuff the cushions tightly with the fine cut hay, straw, sawdust or shredded corn husks. Place the cushions in the box—fastening those at sides and ends. Put in your pails and see how much space is left between them. Then make three thin

lucy, no attention until you are ready to eat. It is such a saving of time and fuel.

If anyone would like to try cooking this way before going to the trouble of making a box, fill a barrel half full of finely cut straw set a tightly covered boiling pot in it, cover up closely and the result will be the same.

Of course a box can be made any size, to hold one, two or three pails, depending upon how many foods one would like to prepare at one time. If using only one pail, fill the others with hot water.

I will be grateful for all suggestions from the sisters.

MRS. DORA CONLEY, Custer, R. D. 3, Okla.

REMEMBER this month, April, is your last chance to win a cash prize in COMFORT'S great subscription prize competition. Don't fail to make a try. Costs you nothing. Enter now.

DEAR FRIENDS OF COMFORT:

I am knocking for admittance to your sisters' corner, hoping to be let in. I am five feet four inches high, weighing one hundred and thirty-eight pounds. I have black hair, blue eyes, medium complexion and am twenty-four years old. Far too young some will say to discuss and advise about bringing up children and household affairs, but when I tell you I have been a housekeeper for ten years, some years of this for my father before I was married five and a half years ago; you will understand.

My little boy four and a half years old has soft bones. If any of the sisters have had experience and can suggest a remedy for this condition, I should be very grateful for a personal letter and glad to return the favor any way I can.

And now mothers, a few words about sending your children to school too young. Before being sent to school they should be taught their alphabet at home, as the teachers do not have time to do this properly in school. "As the twig is bent so the tree will incline," is a true saying. Every child should early be taught the value of an education. How many children I have seen allowed to grow up in ignorance owing to the neglect of their parents. Give them an education if you can't give them anything else, it is the best thing you can do for them. My little boy is half way through his first reader. I have taught him myself and when once begun found it an easy matter.

So many of the sisters have given their views on woman's rights. I will have to confess that I am "lukewarm" on the subject. But I do say, do all in your power to check this God-dishonoring, soul-destroying, home-wrecking whiskey evil; also do all in your power to check this cursed white slave trade. Teach your children to shun houses of ill-fame as they would death. Teach them to keep their bodies pure and about all matters that a mother knows best about, not letting false modesty keep you from what it is their right to know.

Do the sisters know that a few tobacco stems placed in hens' nests will keep the lice off the chickens. Cedar will take mites away and keep them off.

A small spoonful of salt is good to put under water-melon hills to prevent them from burning up in hot, dry weather.

I live in the country, am out of doors a good deal and have good health. I remain your sister and co-worker for Christ,

Mrs. ESTES GRIFFIN, Box 29, Huron, R. D. 1, Texas.

Mrs. Griffin. Your letter is inspiring and strengthening and is good for us all. A mother's greatest work is in the home, teaching her children the high morals that have become her standards of life. Then with this "incline" the world will indeed grow better.

Soft bones are only cured through the diet. Buy lime water of your druggist and to each glass of milk add two tablespoonfuls. Well baked potatoes, soft boiled rice, soft boiled eggs and ripe fruit are bone making foods. Give him all the fresh air possible, and always have an open window in his bedroom. Next summer have him sleep in the sun, always shading his eyes. The lime in the milk is very important.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

I think COMFORT is the best paper in the land and although I am a stranger in this circle, I feel acquainted with a large portion of the sisters. Isn't it grand and something to be proud of that we have this corner in which to talk with one another. When I wrote to COMFORT long ago, I was a little school girl, now I am married and the mother of two sweet little boys, five and two years of age, and one of the best husbands in the world. He is not very religious, but I live in hope.

We read of and see about us many who have trials to bear and to overcome, and yet have many blessings. About a year ago I read in COMFORT that a lady would correspond with anyone and tell them how to control children. I loaned my paper and it got mis-

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"WHERE DID YOU GET THAT MASQUERADING DRESS, YOU LITTLE MINX?"

THE KNIGHT SPURRED ON HIS CHARGER, CARRYING OFF THE RING.

THE FAIRY PRINCE RAISED HIS VISOR REVEALING THE GOLDEN HAIR AND LAUGHING BROW AND MALICIOUS BLUE EYES OF OUR ELVA.

HE LAID THE CROWN AT THE FEET OF THE CAPTAIN.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Captain Henry Rock, a man of ungovernable temper, after a wild life, with many adventures, returns to his old home Elmslea. At fifty he marries his cousin, Martha Morley, to whom he is betrothed many years before. He presents to his friends Dr. Dolor and wishes his niece, Amy Lane, to marry him. She marries Lieutenant Wallis, Brook against her uncle's wishes and he refuses to see her at Elmslea again. He invites his niece, Mrs. Lambert, and her daughter Elva to live with him. Mischief lurks in every movement and Elva will not try to cut Amy out. Her mother warns her she will spoil her fortune. Captain Rock resolves to keep a strict watch over Elva. Six months pass. Mrs. Rock receives a letter with a strange signature—Clemence Moore—Amy is very ill and Mrs. Rock hastens to see her. She is left a widow—her husband is killed in a duel. He leaves his wife with his sister by marriage, Wallis Brook's father marries Clemence Moore's mother. Amy and Clemence return to England. Mrs. Rock promises a better home for Amy. Going home she finds her husband in a rage and he refuses to assist Amy. If this scene is ever repeated she declares her intention to separate. She provides for Amy and settles an annuity upon her. The Captain's reform makes life at Elmslea more comfortable.

A little girl is born to Amy Brook; she is named Isa. In the absence of Captain and Mrs. Rock Elva has Tom the "odd" dog load up the cart with the furnishings of Amy's room and drive to Beach Cottage. She meets her cousin, Augustus Simmons, and Tom goes back with his horse. Clemence meets them as they drive up. Amy is pleased. After dinner Gusti proposes they go home. Elva wants the worth of a scolding and refuses to go. Clemence meets Elva's eyes and experiences an unpleasant sensation. Elva insists upon seeing the baby's clothes and the chamber furnishings and then they ride home. The house is locked and dark. Mrs. Rock cautiously opens the door. The captain is frightfully angry. Elva is sentenced to a month's imprisonment, which is commuted to one day, and Gusti is sent to sea. The affection between the youth of sixteen and the girl of ten gives Captain Rock uneasiness.

Five years later Clemence Moore, standing in front of Beach Cottage, is startled by the appearance of a young woman, head bare and feet bare and bleeding. Clemence tries to get the poor creature to go in. She will not, and begs Clemence not to weep for her but herself and implores her never to love. Amy recognizes in her an old schoolmate, Nancy Lacombe, the bride of Lemuel Norris. Her father and husband are murdered and her home burned before her eyes, and reason flees. Nancy is released from an asylum and becomes the care of her cousin, Ernest Brent, lately returned from Germany. Miss Peggy Long, the village post-mistress arrives, and gives them the news of the month. That night the old mansion is burned. Elva rescues her uncle. Nothing is saved. Elva suffers a long and serious illness. The physician recommends a change of air and they all go to Scotland.

CHAPTER X.

THE captain's family went to Westburn, a favorite sea-bathing place on the west coast of Scotland.

It was Elva's first visit to a watering-place, and her first entrance into society. Her health rapidly improved, and she gave herself up to pleasure with all the

enthusiasm of a novice. The world at Westburn was all astir with the topic of the newest, oldest novelty, they had ever heard of. A distinguished nobleman of the neighborhood, with a taste for the medieval customs, had just attempted to hold a grand tournament at his castle—but the affair had proved a signal failure. This provoked a spirit of mockery.

Near the end of the season there was a project started that enlisted all Elva's interest—this was a mock-tournament to be held in a neighboring park, and to be followed by a masked ball.

Elva entered into the spirit of the thing with all her heart and soul, as usual.

And all the young men, and many of the elder ones, passed several hours daily in practicing, and already there was such a difference in skill displayed, that confident predictions were made as to who should carry off the ring the greatest number of times, and which of them should be the second, and the third, in success.

Elva listened to all this with the greatest gravity. The ladies were equally busy with the subject of the characters to be assumed, and the dresses to be worn at the fancy ball.

An agent was procured and dispatched to the city, with written directions to select materials for the fancy dresses and armor.

The great day of the tournament came at last. The hour was fixed for noon. The site was well selected.

Imagine an open plain, bounded on the south by a high, steep cliff, crowned with a wood, which at noon cast a long dense shadow. Under the shade of this cliff were erected the seats of the spectators, raised one above the other, backwards. Here, at an early hour, were assembled and seated the greater number of ladies and children, and such of the gentlemen as did not take active part in the affair.

Opposite these seats, at the extreme north of the plain, under a canopy, the King-at-Arms, with heralds in costume, held his station.

At the east end was the gate through which the "knights" entered—here were also stationed heralds in fancy dresses.

Opposite, at the west extremity, was the gate through which the champions issued, and here was stationed a modern band of music, silent now, but to strike up a triumphant peal at the pass of every victorious knight.

This tournament was to be an encounter only of lance and ring, an exhibition of sleight-of-hand, quickness and sureness of eye, and skilful and elegant horsemanship.

A well-rolled gravel-road was made to traverse the plain from the east gate, at which the knights were to enter, to the west gate, from which they were finally to issue. Midway across this road stood a lofty gilded arch wreathed with flowers; from the center of this splendid arch hung a thick gilded cord, at the end of which

was a small steel hook, with its point towards the west. Upon that hook hung an iron ring of four inches in diameter. The feat to be accomplished was this—for the rider, while in full gallop, to bear off the ring on the point of his lance.

Among the spectators were the captain, Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Lambert, and Dr. Dolor—all except Elva, and all taking the greatest interest in the scene about to be performed.

Poor Elva! After all the zeal she had displayed in the matter of this frolic, that on the very morning of its enactment she should be seized with such a maddening, nervous headache that she could not bear a ray of light or the sound of a footfall—a headache that nothing but utter darkness and silence and profound rest could mitigate! She vowed that she was sure, if she heard anyone within ten feet of her room-door, she should fall into fits. And so she had every window-shutter closed, and sent Dolor and the captain, and her mother, and her aunt, and the maid, all in turn out of her room; if only permitted to go quietly to sleep, she would be better in the afternoon.

Everybody pitied Miss Lambert, but soon forgot her in the excitement of the coming scene.

A herald in a blue tunic blew his trumpet at the northern extremity of the area, proclaiming the tournament about to commence. At the east gate, another herald, in a yellow tunic, repeated the proclamation. And at the west, another in red reiterated it. These officials were termed, by the uninitiated crowd, "the red boy," "the yellow boy," and "the blue boy." The "blue boy" in a sonorous voice, proclaimed their names and titles. The characters assumed for the occasion were the very greatest heroes of the middle ages; among them, "Richard Cœur-de-Lion," the "Black Prince," "Chevalier Bayard," "Henry V.," "Hotspur," "Sir William Wallace," etc. There were also some of a more comic character—there were Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, Sir Hudibras, etc. But the name of the first competitor was about to be proclaimed, and a dead silence ensued.

"The Knight of Malta!" shouted the herald from the north, whose voice was, unluckily, very thick.

"The Knight of the Altar!" repeated the east herald, whose ears were no better than the other's voice, and—

"The Knight of the—HALTER!" vociferated the west herald, who was too far off to hear well. "Oh! that is too funny! Poor Elf! How she would enjoy that!" said Mrs. Rock.

But just then the Knight of the "Halter" dashed forward with his lance balanced lightly in his right hand—and without pausing or slackening his speed in the least, sped through the arch, and bore off the ring!

The band of music struck up a triumphal air, and the spectators gave a shout of congratulation. The successful aspirant turned and rode around the area, and fell into his place; and the ring was restored to its station.

And the name of another candidate was proclaimed in turn by the three heralds, and he rode forward. But alas! as he sped through the arch, he only touched, and did not carry off the ring; and the music kept a dead silence, while he rode back crest-fallen, with his lance trailing by the saddle-bow.

Then came a third candidate, who also missed; and then a fourth, who carried off the ring; and a fifth and a sixth, who failed even to touch it; and a seventh and eighth, who bore it off in triumph. And thus, with more or less success, all the candidates who had failed were ruled out from the list of competitors, while those who had succeeded remained for a second trial of skill.

There were but nine competitors in the second course. Five failed, and had their names struck off the list. Four remained to try the third course. These were—"The Black Prince," "Hotspur," "Don Quixote de La Mancha," and "The Knight of Malta," alias of the "Halter."

With the narrowing down of the number of competitors, the excitement of the actors, as well as of the spectators, arose. On the part of the rivals there was of course more fatigue, and less steady coolness than before. Perhaps it was upon this account that, in riding the third course, three of the competitors failed, while only one, "The Knight of Malta," succeeded, thus remaining, as he and everyone else supposed, sole victor of the field!

While the victor knight, bearing aloft the ring upon the point of his lance, was careering around the field, and the ladies were waving handkerchiefs and casting bouquets in his way, and while the triumphant music was pealing, and the crowd was shouting, and the trumpets blowing, and the heralds vociferating, and the "King-at-Arms" preparing to proclaim, through his marshals, that the renowned "Knight of Malta" was the victor of the day, and entitled to the honor of crowning the lady of his fealty Queen of Beauty and Love—the winding of a horn, whose notes penetrated through all grosser sounds, announced the advent of a new challenger!

It was a young knight, a mere stripling, in what seemed silver-plated scale armor, that glanced and flashed in the sunlight with blinding radiance! His helmet was encircled by a diadem of precious stones—that sparkled, glowed, and blazed in rays of many-colored fire, and crested with a snow-white plume. His steed was white, with trappings of white satin, wrought with a deep fringe of silver threads. Light, graceful, aerial, and dazzlingly radiant was this resplendent vision! All the crowd arose to look, and then turned their half-blinded eyes away.

A herald from the King-at-Arms demanded his name, lineage, and country.

"PRINCE ARIEL, from the Court of Fairy."

"His errand at the tournament?"

"To challenge the victor knight to a trial of

a dozen rounds!" This was very trying indeed, just in the moment of victory. But by all the generous usages of chivalry, this challenge must not be refused; besides, the Fairy Prince was such a mere sprite, not likely to conquer in mere material contests. The assembly also, by acclamation, demanded that the challenge should be accepted. And it was accepted. Order was restored. Lots were drawn for the first trial, which fell on the fortunate Knight of Malta.

Once more, with lance balanced in his right hand, the knight spurred on his charger towards the arch, and passed under it, carrying off the ring. And while he rode round the area, the crowd shouted, and the music pealed forth as before.

It was now the turn of the Fairy Prince. With a swift, smooth, wavy motion, he galloped on, his silver armor glancing in the sun's rays, passed under the arch, and carried off the ring. And the music struck up, the crowd applauded.

The Knight of Malta's turn. He dashed on, with lance held as before, and passed under the arch, bearing off the ring, amid the usual peals and plaudits.

And then again the Fairy Prince. He sped forward, like arrow to its aim, swept through the arch, and bore off the prize, amid the acclamations of the impartial multitude, and the thunders of the music.

So far the success was equal, although the Fairy Prince far surpassed the Knight in elegance and aerial grace of carriage. And this equality of success continued for several more rounds.

At length, however, the Prince seemed to wish to bring the contest to a close. And when his turn came round, instead of sweeping onward like a flash of lightning, as he had done before, he set forward in a gentle amble, until he got within a few feet of the arch when he backed his horse for a flying leap, aimed his lance, and vaulted through, carrying off the ring upon the point, and falling again into the gentle amble, finished the course; then turning on his track, he rode back, and in the act of vaulting through the arch, replaced the ring upon the hook, amid deafening thunders of applause.

This was a feat that had not been attempted before. The Knight of Malta, thus tacitly challenged to trial this skill, declined the attempt, and in all knightly courtesy yielded the palm to the Fairy Prince as Victor of the Day.

The excitement of the crowd was unprecedented. Every man was up on his feet. Every lady was waving her handkerchief. The band of music went mad, and raved away in a perfect storm of triumph. The heralds nearly split their throats blowing the trumpets. And the King-at-Arms, and all his marshals, vociferated themselves hoarse in trying to "conquer a peace."

At length, however, silence was restored. And then "Prince Ariel, of Fairyland," was pronounced victor of the day, and entitled to the honor of crowning his liege lady Queen of Beauty and Love.

But who was the radiant Prince Ariel, and who was the lady of his choice? That was the question that excited to the utmost the interest of the breathless assembly.

He had received the crown from the King-at-Arms, and was about to indicate his queen by the act of coronation! What lady would she be?

He now rode around the area, bearing the crown in his hand, and approaching the seats of the spectators, paced along beneath them, his snow-white charger prancing in its spangled white trappings, his silver armor flashing in the sun, his diadem of precious stones burning like a circle of fire around his helmet, his snow-white plume dancing above his closed visor. Oh, who was the dazzling Fairy Prince?

But lo! he has paused before a group among the spectators. Expectation is on tip-toe. All bend their eyes to that focus. But how is this? It is our party from Elmslea, and there is no fair lady in the group! What can the Fairy Prince mean? All eyes are riveted to the spot. And the captain and his party don't know what to make of it all. The captain's eyes are distended to their widest ability. And the rest of the party wait in breathless expectancy. They have a faint impression that the victor is in search of Elva.

The Fairy Prince now bows before the group, and placing the crown upon the point of his lance, he raises it and lays it at the feet of—the captain!

A shout of laughter rends the air! The veteran blushes, black with embarrassment, shame, and anger, at what he considers an attempt to turn him into ridicule. But a friend, laughing, says:

"Take up the offering, gallant captain! Take it up! See you not that the tribute was made to your beautiful niece, whom we are sorry to miss from this tournament, but whom we shall be glad to hear presently proclaimed the Queen of Love and Beauty?"

"Unmask! Unmask, brave knight, and declare yourself, that we may know whom to name when we toast the victor!"

Tremendous is the sensation, deafening the shouts and cheers when the Fairy Prince raises his visor and reveals the golden hair, and laughing brow, the malicious blue eyes of our Elva!

"Oh, good—! that girl will be the death of me. She absolutely makes my heart beat in the back of my head, and my shoulders open and shut!" groans the overwhelmed veteran.

CHAPTER XI.

The tournament had broken up in disorder—the company gathering into knots to discuss this last eccentricity of Miss Lambert, or dispersing to laugh at it in their own apartments.

The captain, with a grip of Elva's shoulder, sent her along before him and his party, until they reached their carriage.

"And now you—what shall I call you? What shall I say to you? Was ever a man so bedeviled as I am!" he exclaimed, placing her before him, when they had entered their own private parlor.

"Have patience, uncle! Patience, and smoke your pipe."

"I'll be shot if I do! Where did you get that masquerading dress, you little minx?"

"I ran you in debt for it, uncle! It cost only three hundred pounds."

"Three hun—what?"

"Yes, you see, it's not real precious metal and precious stones—it's only the best electrotype and French paste—nothing's real in it but the white plumes! And auntie can have them for her winter bonnet if she wants them."

The captain trotted up and down, making short, impatient turns in the narrow room, like a caged old lion in his cage, and grunting.

"Ugh! ugh! ugh! She crushes me! I feel like a lemon between the squeezers, with every drop of blood starting from every pore of my skin. You little imp of Satan, you! Where in thunder did you think I was to get three hundred pounds to pay for your devilries?"

"Nowhere in thunder, sir."

"I won't pay for it! there, Minx!"

"Just as you please, uncle. Only do remember that you gave the agent a carte blanche to get any fancy dress I should order, and I fancied ordering this."

"It was a breach of trust! It was an abominable breach of trust! And three hundred pounds for so much flashy trash!"

"Ha, ha, ha! be comforted, uncle. Since you are so stingy, let me tell you that your niece's fancy dress cost you next to nothing. The agent hired it for her from a pantomime company!"

The captain uttered a cry, and dropped down into a chair as if he had been shot. He was really stunned.

"All the fiends alive! Martha, do you hear that! She has actually dressed herself in the common property dress of some theater. She—she's a visitation of wrath! she—she's a judgment on me for my sins! Get out of my sight this instant, you imp, before I'm tempted to murder you!"

"Don't fret and fume, uncle—it will bring on the gout!"

"Begone, you—!"

"Don't swear, uncle. I have only been joking with you. Why, I would no more wear a second-hand costume than—than—you would have me to do it. The agent had this suit made to order for me and it did not cost much either—a mere trifle."

"Who can put any confidence in what you say, you elf?"

"Everybody can, uncle! You can when I assure you that I am telling the truth! And since you spoke of the price, let me tell you that this cost only—"

"D—! take the cost! I'm not thinking of the cost, but of your conduct—"

"Yes, didn't I do it beautifully, uncle? Are you not proud of me now? Am I not an honor to you?"

"You're a catastrophe! Get out of my sight! Begone! And don't let me see you again for a week!"

Elva laughed, and started, her mock armor jingling like silver bells as she went.

When the door closed after her a family council was held. Mrs. Rock sat there, taking things as quietly as she usually took them. But Sarah Lambert was pale with surprise, dismay, and dread, until the captain, turning to her, said:

"Well, madam! What do you think I shall have to do with this precious girl of yours?"

"I'm sure I don't know, said the timorous creature, beginning to weep. "I always knew it would turn out just so!"

"Just how?"

But Sally was weeping.

"I ask you what you think had best be done with her?"

"Oh! I'm sure I don't know. I can't defend her. You must do exactly as you think fit! I shan't interfere!"

"No matter what I determine to do with her?"

"No, indeed, for I'm perfectly weary and worn out with contending with her follies."

"Well, then, I'll marry her to Dolor—right off!"

"Oh, no! not that! She is but fifteen, she is too young! Besides, she wouldn't consent now. She'd be sure to be obstinate. Wait for two or three years, until she is old enough, and has sense enough to see the advantages of such a marriage—then she'll consent."

"Then she will be sure to do just as Amy did! Especially as it will be some time before Elmslea is built up, and we shall have to lodge in the town, where we shall see all sorts of people, and who can prevent it?"

"But can't you send her to some strict convent school until we are settled again at Elmslea, or until she is old enough to be married?" suggested Mrs. Lambert, meekly and whimperingly.

"To a convent school—I never thought of that before—let me see now—yes! I think that will do—the life is very secluded, and the discipline very severe. Yes! that is very good. She shall go and stay a year, and then she shall come out and marry Dolor. That is excellent! Really, Sally, when you're put to it you have got more sense than anybody would think! I'll go and talk to Dolor about it!"

And leaving the two ladies alone, the captain went in quest of Dr. Dolor, whom he found walking up and down a secluded avenue of the lawn in much disturbance of mind. Perhaps of all her friends Dr. Dolor had been the most severely shocked and scandalized by the feats of his betrothed. Yet now that the captain explained his plans in regard to Elva, Dolor shook his head. He did not know what they should do without her at home, and did not believe it safe to send her to a nunnery.

"Do you know the partridge never can be tamed, and dies if it is caged? If she is put in the convent she will drive the nuns mad, or break her own heart. Don't send her away. Wait till we are married. I am sure I can reform her, and make her happy also."

"Yes! but I tell you," said the captain, "unless you consent to part with her for a time, you may never marry her! It will be impossible to separate her from young people of her own age, even from Ernest Brent. Already her fancy has been touched by that young man from merely seeing him at church?"

Dr. Dolor started and changed color—jealousy had entered his heart for the first time—jealousy of the elegant Ernest Brent.

"He must not be permitted to form her acquaintance or to enter the house where she lives!"

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LEAGUE RULES:

To be a comfort to one's parents.
To protect the weak and aged.To be kind to dumb animals.
To love our country and protect its flag.

CONDUCTED BY UNCLE CHARLIE

COMFORT for one year and admittance to the League of Cousins for only 30 cents. Join at once. Everybody wins. NEVER send a subscription to Uncle Charlie, nor to the Secretary of the League. NEVER write a subscription order or application for membership in the body of a letter. Write the order on a separate sheet from the letter, and then both may be mailed together in the same envelope. ADDRESS all letters to COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. See instructions at the close of this Department.

HELLO, my honies! As this is All Fool's Day, I am having some fun with my family. Toby is down town buying a dozen post holes, Billy the Goat has been sent to invest in a pair of live steam, while Maria is searching all the stores in town for a glass tack hammer, and a two-foot yardstick. It's a great thing to make fools of other people isn't it? Some people think that All Fool's Day only comes on April first, but if you were to wring a confession from the politicians in Washington, they would tell you that it is All Fool's Day all the year round. Shakespeare made one of his characters say: "What fools these mortals be," and that is what a certain bunch in Washington whisper as they laugh in their sleeves twelve months in the year. If they do not think the average American citizen a sheep or that other much slandered animal noted for its long ears, and if All Fool's Day does not last with them from January to January, I would like to know why they are talking of raising the postage rates on magazines and monthly periodicals, and why they let the Express Trust keep us from having a parcels post.

Until the present administration came into power it has been the enlightened policy of the government to carry the magazines and monthly periodicals, as well as the daily papers, at a low rate of postage so that the people might have plenty of literature at the lowest possible prices. Every live magazine has an educational value; every good periodical is a stab at ignorance, a beacon light and disseminator of knowledge, information and culture. The more people read, the better for the nation. It is the magazines that have been aiding in the fight for reform. The muckraking in the cess-pools of privilege and the exposure of official rascality has been largely the work of magazines. It has been strongly hinted that the proposal to soak the magazines is promoted by the interests whose ways are such that they prefer darkness to light and fear publicity. The magazines are the foes of graft and privilege, while too many of our legislators are feigning to say the least, are shamefully indifferent to this consuming evil that is destroying the prosperity, liberty and conscience of the American people. As COMFORT has said before, the situation was evidently misunderstood by the President when he wrote his message to Congress last fall.

What do I want those post holes for? Why, to stow myself and family in on election day next November, as I don't own a cyclone cellar in which to take refuge when the storm of popular indignation and protest against Cannonism and Aldrichism, now brewing, breaks.

What would I do with the live steam? I'd try to add a little more boiler-pressure to the slow-going Congressional machine in the hope of its grinding out certain useful and much needed legislation before its lease of life expires.

What's the use of the glass tack hammer? It isn't any earthly use, but it is far preferable to the noxious whitewash-brush which the grafters are urging the President to substitute for the useful and much needed "big stick" of his distinguished predecessor.

Who will I fool with a two-foot yardstick? Myself, by measuring up my income with it, so to make my means of living seem to size up with the short-weight and high-priced goods forced upon us by the abominable criminal trusts. Some of them are being prosecuted now by state and federal authority, and it will be a triumph of justice hardly to be expected if their wealth and influence do not purchase their immunity by some means or other. But let them remember that the people are yet to be reckoned with, and that their "can't fool all the people all the time," as Lincoln said.

You can obtain Uncle Charlie's Poems, the best book of humorous verse ever placed on the market, one hundred and sixty pages of roasting fun, for only four yearly subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents a year. In this book are over fifty humorous poems, that are regular screams, and some religious and serious verses for the more sober minded. The book is elegantly bound in ribbed lilac and red silk cloth—state your preference. Every copy is autographed. I forgot to mention that in this latest, newest and best edition, among the numbers added, are a little heart touching poem "Baby Jim," and a little love lyric that I know you will call too sweet for anything, entitled, "Somebody." Each copy contains a biographical sketch of the author's life and various pictures, one of which shows Uncle Charlie dictating to Maria. You can not purchase the equal of this book in any store under a dollar. One COMFORT reader writing from Boise, Idaho says: "You could not buy the paper in this Western city for what you charge for the book." You can secure this volume of matchless fun for only four subscriptions to COMFORT at twenty-five cents a year. I don't know what the Washington folks are going to do, and I strongly advise all of you to take advantage of things as they are at present, and secure this volume while COMFORT retains its present price. Everyone who has this book loves it, and all those who have read it, with one voice acclaim that it is "grand." A dainty gift book or a fireside companion there is nothing to beat it. Work for it today.

Uncle Charlie's song-book can be obtained for only two subscriptions to COMFORT at twenty-five cents a year. A club of ten would be little enough for it, for this book contains five dollars' worth of music, and is really worth a dollar. The song book contains twenty-eight numbers, love and story ballads, sacred, comic and novelty songs. A stream of exquisite melody ripples divinely from cover to cover. There is no dope in this book. "My Queen of Dreams" and "Love in an Auto Car" are alone worth a club of four. The cover design is by the famous R. F. Outcault, and on it are four splendid pictures of Uncle Charlie when he was one of the boys. This book is an educator. It hits the popular taste to a nicety, without being trashy. This and Uncle Charlie's Poems make the greatest premium offers ever made by COMFORT. If you want a souvenir of your Unc and his life work, obtain these books while you can get them with very little trouble, and absolutely no expense to yourself. The opportunity to do so may vanish soon, and I advise you to take advantage of it while you have the chance. You'll be foolish if you don't.

The appeals for wheel chairs keep rolling in. I enter them up in my book with a heavy heart, for I know that some of these names appearing in that book will never get a wheel chair. In January we gave only one. It was recorded in our February issue. Just send in one subscription on your birthday to the wheel-chair club, as a thank offering to God for sparing your life

another year. If every reader of COMFORT would do this, we could send chairs out by the hundred, where we now can only send one. Those who want their names entered on our wheel-chair list positively must send written references. Names of people don't count.

I'm glad to inform you that our appeal for Lawrence Bird has not been in vain. I'm writing this on March first, and so far close on one hundred dollars has been received by COMFORT for the Bird family—mother and son. This money has been forwarded to Dalton, Ga., and you might just as well have sent it there yourselves, and have saved me the trouble. Many of you seemed to think your letters would not find him, that the address was insufficient. Bless your hearts, do you think I'd give all that space to an appeal, space worth over a thousand dollars, and then give you a wrong or insufficient address? Some people sent a few pennies and wanted me to acknowledge their gift in this column. Thanks, that isn't charity—that's advertising. When you give, don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing. That's the Christ-like way. I made out a list of every red cent donated—over a hundred names, addresses and amounts—and sent them to Lawrence Bird. COMFORT's check for the total amount was attached to the list. Those who contributed to this worthy cause will doubtless hear from Lawrence, anyway he has all your names and addresses on his list, so the rest is up to him. From present indications, Lawrence will receive at least three hundred dollars and maybe a great deal more. Accept my fervent gratitude for your noble response. You evidently remembered what the Good Book said: "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me." You have done the Master's bidding and He will not forget you.

CHRISTIANBURG, Va., Jan. 22nd, 1910.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I inclose references from my pastor and physician. Uncle Charlie, will you please ask the cousins to give me a little help? I have not got a penny, and I need it to spend it for food or fuel before I can get enough to get my springs. But I am thankful for any help, no matter how small it may be, please do all you can for me. I know you will.

My bed is so hard, I can hardly stand it. I lie on the hard slats so much that my back and hips are so sore I cannot rest at night. I have not had a good night's rest for more than six months. I am not able to buy a set of springs for my bed, and I am still going higher and the weather is dreadfully cold. Now dear Uncle Charlie, will you please ask some of the cousins to send me a greenback so I can get a set of springs for my bed and some wood and food. The reason I say a greenback is, if I only get a dime at a time it takes so long to get a dollar that I am obliged to spend it for food or fuel before I can get enough to get my springs. But I am thankful for any help, no matter how small it may be, please do all you can for me. I know you will.

With my best love to Uncle Charlie and cousins, I am your shut-in nephew,
THOMAS C. SOMMER.

What a pitiful letter, and I've had to keep this poor soul waiting four months before I could bring his case to your notice. I sent him a dollar in February and that is all I have been able to do for him outside of putting his name in the shut-in list, and as a rule those who are listed in that column do not get very much help. What this poor soul must have endured lying on those cruel old bed slats God only knows. A bed of . . . at kind would give anyone some terrible bed sores, and bedsores unless properly attended to will kill the strongest man in very short order. Poor Thomas has been tossing miserably for many months on that bed of torture, for the want of a three and a half dollar set of bed-

A ROARING FUNNY poem by Uncle Charlie, and a beautiful Decoration Day poem, also pretty May Basket story and a pathetic war story—all in May COMFORT, make it a very interesting number that you would be very sorry to miss. So look sharp after your subscription and send 30 cents at once for a two-year renewal if you received the folder renewal blank in your March COMFORT and have not already renewed.

It makes one's heart bleed to think about it. Deprived of proper nourishment, half starved, shivering from the cold, tortured with dis ease, and denied even a decent resting place for one's weary bones. Oh, the pity of it. Oh, the cruelty and wickedness of it. This case may not appeal to your sympathies as strongly as did that of Lawrence Bird, but it's just as pitiful in its way. Thomas sends excellent references why the clergyman didn't get this poor soul a set of springs for his bed. I would consider it a disgrace if I were a minister, to have any bedridden man within five miles of my church, whether he belonged to my denomination or not, deprived of sleep and tortured day and night for the want of an article costing only a miserable three or four dollars. Some day the church will wake up to the fact that its duty is to look after sick bodies as well as sick souls. I hope that you will all do what you can for poor Thomas. He ought to have a good mattress as well as good springs, but alas mattresses are costly things. Millions upon millions are given for charitable purposes yearly, but they most urgently in need of help and succor, the helpless, hopeless, incurable sick, are passed by unnoticed. If some of our big millionaires, would put a fund of five million dollars aside, and let the interest on that at five per cent. (a quarter of a million dollars a year), go to buying wheel chairs, mattresses and other invalid supplies, that would make the poverty-stricken sick comfortable, they would win eternal glory for themselves, and do a beautiful and noble work. There are lots of societies to help invalids, but about all they do is to pass them on reading matter, while religious cranks shove half a pound of tracts in an envelope and put a two cent stamp on it, and make the shut-in pay the excess postage for truck he's read fifty times before. In every hundred people you will find about ninety-five tight wads to five who are ready to give up a dime to help a fellow human, and the more money people have, the more utterly selfish they are as a rule, and the tighter they hang on to their wads. There are millions and millions who live and die without ever having known the joy of giving ten cents to help a fellow human in the hour of need. Oh, the pity of it! Now for the letters.

BALTIMORE, Md.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:
The last time I wrote I was at home with my mother, father and brother, on a farm, but now I

am in the city working for my living in a shirt factory, which is not a very pleasant place to work in. I am writing this letter for the benefit of those who have good homes, and want to leave them because they cannot do just as they please. To those who are so situated, think many times before you do so. Leaving home is not what you think it is, as there are always trials and troubles wherever you go. I will give you some idea of what a runaway's life is. I am a young girl of seventeen, brown hair and blue eyes, the youngest of five children, the pet at school among girls, boys and teachers, the pet at Sunday school and head of all things at play. The favorite of all the young men but not the favorite of my parents. I had a kind and loving mother and brothers, but not a loving father. I had a good home, but did not know it. I left home because I was tired of being corrected for the wrong I did, and was kept from doing bad things and going with evil company. I was tired of home and wanted to get away from mother's rule and restrictions. I wanted a good time in the world and longed to do as I pleased. I had an idea that home was not good enough. Now, I have been away from home five months and have worked hard ever since, and have not a dollar saved and only two more weeks to Christmas. I have not had any clothes since I have been away except one suit, a pair of shoes and a hat—that is all, and have not had one bit of pleasure, as I thought I would. I was sad at home, but only at times, but now sadness is all I know. Once I was happy, but now happiness has flown. I was persuaded by others to leave home, this is the second time I have done so. I loved and cared for my home and everything was done for me, now I'm alone in the world and no one cares for me. I am no more a lamb in the fold, as I used to be. I am no longer innocent of the ways of the world. I am no longer mother's sweet obedient child as I used to be, but just a runaway, a prodigal. I have never been bad or done anything to disgrace my mother except to run away from home. Yesterday was the first time I was inside a church since I left home. But I am now repenting for the wrong I did my mother. I am now going to be a good girl and do what is right by my parents and won't let others influence me again. Always mind your parents, cousins, and do as they tell you to do, and be kind to them. Although a member of your grand League, I have not kept the first rule but am going to hereafter. There is nothing but sorrow and misery when you leave home. Sometimes I get so disheartened that I feel like jumping into the river to put an end to my misery, but for my dear mother's sake I will not do that. A RUNAWAY.

I am very glad to have the opportunity to print this letter. I wish it were in my power to print it in every magazine in America, for it carries in every word of it a lesson that all girls, and boys too for that matter, should take to heart. There are tens of thousands of girls who have left home as this young girl did, because they wanted to get away from parental authority. They wanted to be free, and do just as they darned well pleased, free to run off to those big cities in which the country girl imagines everyone is waiting with open arms to give her a glorious old time of unalloyed delight, and endless pleasure. The city is certainly waiting to receive the country girl with open arms, and when it gets her into those arms it offers her one of two things, a life of heart-breaking, soul-crushing, remorseless toil, at a miserable wage, or a year or two of pleasureless debauchery and shameless revelry, with a morphine needle and a whiskey bottle to deaden the rackings of conscience, and generally a suicide's grave at the end, and hell to follow. Girls who find parental authority irksome and want to do as they please should remember that the discipline of the home is nothing to the discipline of the city. The boss of the shirt-waist factory rules with a rod of iron, and the city girl is certainly waiting to talk back to mother for one instant, and you are on the sidewalk looking for work. We all want to do as we please in this world, and it's a mighty good thing we can't. Even the burglar and thief want to do as they please, but we can't afford to let them. Girls, listen to mother. Remember above all things that she loves you and she knows what is for your good, while you don't. When mothers place restrictions on their daughters, and tell them what they shall and what they shall not do, they are not doing it to make their children miserable, for there are few parents in this world who are going to make their children unhappy, all mother wants to do is to protect you girls and keep you from evil associates who have but one idea and that is to ruin you, and blast your life's happiness, and send you to the city and add one more to the great army of sin, sorrow and shame that disgraces our sham civilization. Mother is very seldom wrong in her judgment. She knows the bad boys from the good, she knows when you are skating on thin ice, and when she hangs out the danger sign it is time for you to heed. Remember in her youth she went through just the same experience you are going through now. She remembers that she was headstrong too, and resented her mother's interference and domination, and remembers too, that it was only by a narrow squeak that she was not sent on the road to hell as were Sal Smith and Jennie Jones, who would not listen to their mothers and did as they darned pleased. Why, even animals protect their young and make them obey. The old hen knows when the hawks are around and gathers her brood under her wings. Don't you think mother has more sense than the animals? Suppose she let you have your way, and you got into a whole peck of trouble. Whom would you blame? Mother of course, not yourself. Mother would only blame you for not listening to her and warning you of danger, but you'd scold her for not spanking you and keeping you out of danger. It's nearly always the headstrong girl who chafes under parental authority, and yet she is the very one who needs it most. Every poor, wretched girl who has been caught in the dazzling net of the city's wickedness, before she breathes the last breath which ends her brief life of dissipation, looks heavenward with tear-stained eyes and says: "Oh, mother, mother, if I had only listened to you, I might now be the wife of some good man, have a pretty country home, with a baby at my breast, respected and loved by all, instead of being a homeless outcast, for whom nobody cares, and whose body will lie in the Potter's Field, unwept and unmourned." Some of you will say: "Some girls have gone to the city, and made good." That I do not deny, but those girls were level headed, sensible girls, girls who kept in touch with their parents, heeded their advice and could rely on them for money when out of work, girls who probably had friends and relatives in the city, and work awaiting them; not feather-brained girls who were dumped friendless and penniless in the seething human maelstrom, mere playthings of fate, left to sink or swim without a hand to guide them or help. What is there to be gained by coming to the city anyway? More than one COMFORT Cousin has found her way to my bedside in the world's biggest city, and the condition of some of them was pitiful. One girl, who found employment at five dollars a week, had to send three of it home to her poor old mother or let her go to the poorhouse. What became of that girl, you will ask? I took her into my own home, and kept her there until she was able to earn sufficient to support both herself and her mother. It was that or let her go to the streets. A telephone company gave her five dollars a week. I wrote the manager of the company and asked him if he thought a girl could support herself and her mother on that. He wrote back that the private life of the employees was none of his business. No, the only business of corporations is to pile up dividends and profits, and most of the profits come from the bodies and souls of the workers. But this is too big a subject to handle in one letter. Three girls by living together in one room, cooking their own meals, doing their own laundry, could make their miserable wages support them, but the factory girl or the store girl in the city, who has nothing but her miserable wage to depend on for support, if she wants food, must go without clothes; if she wants clothes must go without food; and if she has both, she must go without honor and virtue. Country girls, the city, viewed from a distance, is an alluring place. It is full of theaters, brilliantly lighted restaurants, etc., but all those things cost money, and they are not for you. It

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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placed, so if the author sees this in print, will she please write me and I will return postage. I cannot control one of my boys, but I desire to scold so much, I will admit this is my fault, for I did not appeal to his love as I should, but instead showed my authority too soon, which will not do. I am practicing self-control, and trying to have patience. Let us each and all resolve that the close of 1910 will find us nearer to our Saviour.

I am not financially able to help anyone, but to the shut-ins and all that are afflicted I extend my heartfelt sympathy. Long live COMFORT, its editor and subscribers.

ANGUS PERKINS, Ohio, Ark.

Mrs. Perkins. Let your mother love dictate a way to control your son. At the bedtime hour, when neither of you have else to do, take him on your knee and review the doings of the day, explaining the reasons for your asking him to do certain things and why it was best for him. Impress him with your loving protection, listen to his good-night prayer and leave him sweetly peaceful. I am sure you will work out your own cause, for you best know your child's needs.

DEAR SISTERS:

I have always enjoyed COMFORT which I have been reading many years. I am an old lady, wanting a home with a quiet family living in a small town where there is a Catholic church. I prefer a place between Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis in Mo. I hope some of the sisters will help me find such a place, and I would be glad to correspond regarding it.

MRS. MARY F. SHANAHAN, Salisbury, Ill.

Mrs. Shanahan. I sincerely hope that through COMFORT you will find the home you desire, and if you do, please write the sisters, for we are interested in you.

DEAR SISTERS:

In the October number was printed my remedy for catarrh. Through some error, the directions read that it was to be "taken" instead of "snuffed" up the nose.

Directions: Pour a little in the hand or a spoon and snuff up the nose. When the head seems to be "stopped up" this is best used in a nasal douch.

MRS. M. IMLER, Steptoe, Wash. (Formerly of Idaho, Ind.)

Mrs. Imler. We are glad to print corrections and regret there was an error.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Will you open just a tiny bit and let an Alabama sister enter? I won't stay long, and I won't take up much room as I am only five feet four inches tall and weigh about ninety-five pounds. I have blue eyes, brown hair, and fair complexion. Alabama is a fine country or I think so at least. I was born in Winston-Salem, N. C., coming to this place when I was five years old, and although I have visited N. C., also have lived there one year since. I like dear Alabama best. I lived in the city until nearly three years ago when I married a farmer and came to the country, and must say I like farm life best. We have a sweet little girl twenty months old which is the light of the home. Our farm consists of about thirty-five acres, and while we are now renters we hope some day to be owners.

For Alabama the winter is unusually rough, as generally it's long after Christmas before it begins, and even then is not very bad.

I want to tell the sisters how to make them a home-made kitchen cabinet. Take a table about four feet long by three feet wide, set against the wall in some convenient place and take a box about a foot deep and wide enough to put one or two shelves in and nail it to the wall about one foot above the table. Don't let the box be longer than the table; preferably a little shorter. Then take white oil cloth and line inside of box and cover the table. I took two four sacks and made a curtain for the box, though it can be left off if desired, or doors can be made.

For the sister who wanted a remedy for the child who had spasms from indigestion, give him a pill of asafoetida once a day, it is harmless and will help if not cure him. Make the pill the size of a pea.

Let me say a few words about the women voting. **HAVE YOU SECURED A SET OF COMFORT'S exquisite Passion Play post cards? If not, do so at once. The complete set of 50 most beautiful cards you ever saw given as a premium for only two yearly subscription at 25 cents each.**

and then I will go. Yes, I believe the women should vote by all means. But let me tell you how she should do it. She should encourage her boys and husband to keep up with politics, influence them, pray for them, keeping them on the right road; raising her boys to be noble men to go to the polls with a clean heart and a pure mind to vote for what is best.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," but if the woman goes to the polls, the cradle will stand still, the baby squalling, the husband desperate over unawakened floors, unwashed dishes and tardy meals. The card parties and afternoon teas are already causing too many desolate homes. So women, for the sake of home happiness let politics go and hold onto your children, husband and home if you expect to have any.

Wishing a long and happy life to COMFORT and its editors, I am your loving sister.

MRS. BERTHA MADDER, Ardison, R. D. 3, Ala.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have often longed for a place in your corner, and now I seek it for consolation and sympathy for I am heart sore and weary! Will you give the comfort promised? At Spokane, May 2, 1885, was born to me a little blue-eyed, golden-haired girl, my Grace. Never was a babe more longed for, nor one so welcome. From a lovely babe she grew to be a winsome maiden, then to where girlhood merges into womanhood, and for eighteen years she was mine. Then another loved her and for six years she lived in a home made all the sweeter by her sunny smile. Now, death has claimed her; all too suddenly the blow came. One day full of life and happiness, the next gone from us forever. She died June 26, 1909, in Greenwood, S. C., and was laid in God's acre to rest. I would welcome letters from the sisters and will you please accept my thanks for the many good things I have found in this corner.

MRS. C. E. JUDKINS, Molsin, W. Va. Willow Grove Farm.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Will you please admit a little Afro-American maiden into your charming land? I wonder how many of the COMFORT sisters would like to call one of my race sister. I don't mind it in the least if they don't, because in God's sight all are equal; more especially those who profess to be Christians. Am I not right? My father subscribed for COMFORT back in Aunt Minerva's days, with her pet owls. Then I could not read well. My mother was twenty years ago, so you can almost guess how old I am. Only four feet and eight inches high, weighing one hundred pounds, and of a light ginger cake color. This is my first attempt to write to this corner. I belong to Uncle Charlie's League of Cousins and have received some right substantial aid from some of the kind-hearted friends of COMFORT. My mother is a helpless invalid, and I am, and have long been a sufferer from spinal curvature. So you see I can sympathize with all afflicted ones in many ways.

I can send alphabetical quilt blocks to the fancy work department, and if I am allowed to see this in print, will come again with the letter A quilt block. Last year someone sent for the poem "The Church Walking with the World." Inclosed you will find the same. Please print it as a benefit to all. Will some of the COMFORT sisters please write me? I will answer all that inclose a stamp. My league number is 27,621. In His name,

PRISCILLA TILLERY, Elm City, N. C.

Priscilla. I regret to say there were some omissions in the beautiful poem which you so kindly copied and sent in, making it impossible to publish in this number. Perhaps sometime you could send an exact copy for which we would be grateful. Your kind words of COMFORT and its various departments are greatly appreciated. I sincerely sympathize with you and your invalid mother, and from the helpful spirit revealed in your letter, I know you are a great comfort to her.

W. W.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

Will you allow another stranger to enter your circle and tell you how greatly she enjoys the sisters' letters? We live way out here in the mountains where it is rather cold and where you can hear the coyotes howl all night and half of the day. Will some of the sisters send pieces of silk and velvet to put into a quilt and also send me some patterns for cross-stitch work on gingham?

A good way to keep your baby's bottles sweet and clean is to use table salt and warm water. Would like to hear from some of the girls and boys. My father has been a cripple for seven years.

MISS LYDIA JOHNSON, Forbes Jet., Colo.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

This is my first letter to this great paper and I have taken COMFORT since childhood. I would like to have you try a few of my recipes which are particularly good for invalids.

A good cough cure is made by putting together five cents' worth of whole flax seed, one quart of water, three lemons sliced, ten cents' worth of rock candy and a few tablespoonfuls of glycerine. For adults, take a few tablespoonfuls five or six times a day, and children may take one teaspoonful five or six times a day.

A healthful bread is made as follows: Take two pints of lukewarm water, three tablespoonfuls of olive oil, three tablespoonfuls of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of salt, one and one half teaspoonful of chopped walnuts, two yeast cakes dissolved in one cup of warm water with three teaspoonfuls of sugar, three cups of white flour, two quarts unsifted graham flour. Add flour slowly so as not to get in too much. Let rise until light, cut down and rise again if preferable, cut into three loaves and put into pans for final rising. Bake three quarters of an hour in a moderate oven, taking care that the oven is not too hot, as graham bread burns quicker than white.

A powder that is far superior to talcum powder for use on baby's flesh is made as follows: Brown white flour to a golden brown, to two cups add one cup of cornstarch and a little sachet powder. Thoroughly mix together. This is best kept in a tight tin box or glass jar.

A string tied to magnet will pick scissors or needle from floor which is a great help to invalids.

MRS. GEORGE GRUSH.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS AND SHUT-INS:

I find COMFORT such a dear old paper, and it contains so much that is helpful to me. As many of the sisters write, it always seems such a long time before COMFORT appears, as anything does we particularly enjoy. I first turn to the fancy work, then to the sisters' corner where there is a never-falling amount of good ideas.

I got ten subscribers to COMFORT this winter and want very much to get more, but most everyone around here has it already. I certainly think there should not be a home without our dear COMFORT.

I fully agree with Mrs. Schoffer of Ohio regarding politics. If the women folks devote their time to their housekeeping and attend to the necessities of their families, they will have no time whatever for politics; if like the men folks they get interested in politics they will neglect home duties.

I feel very sorry for the shut-ins, and my sympathy goes out to them. Those who have lost their loved ones. We who have our health and strength do not really know what a blessing is ours.

Mrs. L. D. Goodday. May God bless you. We know and feel that in your condition of health it must have been doubly hard to lose your son. Trust in God. He'll not forsake thee.

We think we have had our share of trouble. Our parents in Germany and other relatives in Canada, New York and elsewhere, while we are alone in Kansas. One year we lost our dear baby boy two and a half years old, and next our sweet baby girl at the age of three and a half months, still I often sing, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Last summer my husband was in bed for three months, ill with typhoid fever, and when at the most critical period, my baby boy of nine months was badly scalded on one side of his face, neck and body, and now at the age of fourteen months, he is quite ill with whooping cough.

If you dear Mrs. Goodday can read German, I will send you some reading which will be of great comfort to you.

Dear shut-ins. May God bless and help you look on the sunny side of life. COMFORT sisters will remember you in their prayers.

I would like to hear from some of the COMFORT sisters, especially from southeast Arkansas, and learn what the climate is, what the country is like and what crops are raised, as we think of moving there.

Now COMFORT sisters I am going to ask a favor of you. I want to make a COMFORT quilt in memory of you all. I should be grateful for blocks of either wool or silk nine inches square with your initials worked in, the whole name or a slip of paper laid in with address and I will take great pleasure in answering all.

MRS. JACOB FOSSLER, Herndon, Kan.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I should like to send flower seeds to any of you who are making a COMFORT flower garden this spring. I have cosmos, morning glory and many kinds of nice seeds which I will take great pleasure in answering all.

If the sister who sent me last spring for flower seeds and Mexican sweet corn will send me her address I will send her some as I know t-e seeds and bulbs were lost.

I wish the sisters, brothers and dear old COMFORT a prosperous and happy 1910.

MART MARBLE, Lock Box 247, Northville, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:

May I join you dear, dear sisters? I enjoy your letters and have gained a good deal of knowledge from them.

"There are better ways of doing things, if people did but know;

And so 'tis little 'helps' we need

As through this world we go.

As you have unsurpassed success

Why tell the sisters so;

Don't hesitate to make it known,

'Tis just what we want to know."

As one sister said not long ago:

"How many a mother, ever fond and true,

Herself all dreams of luxury denies,

While laughing, thoughtless children as their due,

Accept her sacrifice."

This is often the case I admit, but how easy it is to do so, especially after some of the little darlings have been called back. I am the mother of two children, a girl of seven years, and a boy of five. Only these the Death Angel left after taking away four; twin girls and a boy and girl. So dear sisters, I can truly sympathize with you all.

"But death is only a dream of glory beyond the dark stream."

How many let the little ones amuse themselves making scrap books? I make books of pink cambric and pasting in pictures fills many a happy hour.

If little ones are troubled with enlarged tonsils, try this treatment: At night put on cloth filled with salt, in the morning bathe with cold water.

Try vaseline for cleaning the children's shoes. It keeps them soft and makes them last longer. The rubber rolls of a wringer can be cleaned with kerosene and piano keys with a cloth wet in alcohol. Always soak drabbed clothes in clear cold water and they will come clean easier.

Now for a pretty baby blanket or shawl: Take a square of white flannel, turn a hem all around and braid-stitch. Work a spray of daisies with yellow wool center and green leaves, tied with a blue ribbon in the center.

Children like Dutch raisin bread and it is much better for them than candy. Take a little of your bread dough, roll thin and butter, sprinkle with cinnamon, raisins, currants and sugar, then roll up, sprinkle top with cinnamon and sugar, let rise and bake.

Last summer we had a garden and enjoyed the lovely fresh vegetables so much more than the wilted stock from the market.

Now a word about my John, the good man. He is not perfect, for all have faults, even the best can be made better. He is often financially embarrassed, but I try to be patient and believe that all will come out right in the end.

Wishing you all good luck and many bright days.

MART BARTLETT, Charlevoix, Mich.

DEAR SISTERS:

My mother takes COMFORT and we all like it very much. Will you please publish the song containing these words:

"Now Arnold's gone to New York Fighting for his King, And left Poor Major Andre on the Gallows for to swing."

I am ten years old and am going to join Uncle Charlie's League of Cousins as soon as I get the money.

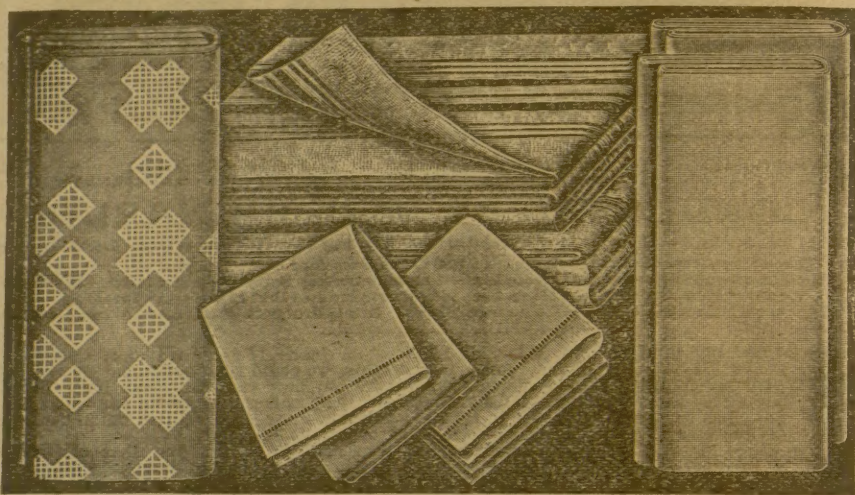
LOUIS FIELDS, Tulsa, Okla.

Louie. You write a nice little letter. I hope someone will send you the requested song.

DEAR SISTERS:

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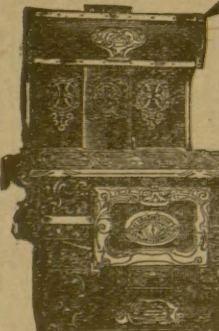
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after a sample copy was sent me and I found your rose offer and sent for them, and they arrived promptly and in fine shape, and are now growing nicely out in my flower beds. I have noticed so many requests for reading by the sick and lonely ones that I resolved to write the corner and tell them I will furnish anyone who desires literature free. I am a farmer's wife and live in the northern part of Ohio, near Cleveland. About twenty-five years ago, a people calling themselves Seventh Day Adventists came to this place and held meetings for three months, and I accepted of this truth, which many have never heard of, but which I have grown to love and for this reason write this letter. If others desire to read of it, may do so by dropping me a card. Yours truly,

MRS. VERA DEAN, Grafton, R. D. 2, Lorain Co., Ohio.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:
I am a shut-in, can neither walk nor work and suf-



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Comfort's League of Cousins

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will take all you can earn and more to exist miserably, there won't be a cent left for pleasure. Take my advice and stay home. Stay with those who love you, and have your best interests at heart. Stay with those who will nurse you when you are sick, cheer you when you are in trouble, and who will protect you always. Now parents, here's a word of advice for you: Don't eternally nag your children, don't boss them when there is no necessity for it, don't be petty tyrants because Providence has placed these children in your hands for safe keeping. Make home happy so children will want to stay in it, not leave it. When you command children not to do a certain thing which they have set their hearts on doing, reason with them and explain to them why they shouldn't do so and so. Some parents are never happy unless they are nagging and bossing, and some children are never happy unless they are hurting and disobeying their parents. Parents and children take these remarks to heart, and remember girls the best friend you have in the world is mother. Stick to her and home as long as you can. That's the advice of one who knows what is best for your good. Please don't write and ask me for the address of the writer of the above letter. The letter is written in confidence and that confidence must be respected.

BLACK CREEK, LA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:—Here comes a girl from the sunny South. I was fourteen last water-melon time. I weigh about as much as a grasshopper I guess, and have dark complexion and brown hair and blue eyes. I live in Louisiana and like to live here very much, for this is a beautiful country. I once lived in Oklahoma but I didn't like to live there, it was too cold in the winter time and the wind blew too much to suit me. We lived there five years. We came down here last August. We had a long, lonesome journey. Papa didn't come with us, he had to stay and harvest his wheat, so it was me and mamma and six little children. We changed trains six times. We took the train at Enid, Okla. at one o'clock at night and stayed on the train all night until seven o'clock next morning, when we ran into Ft. Worth, Texas, a beautiful city. Then we came on to Shreveport, La., and then we changed there for Sibley, La., and there we took the L. A. railroad for Dryprong, La. Well I will quit writing on the railroads and tell about my school. I live one mile from school and I like to go to school. I am only in the ninth grade, and I have a teacher named Mrs. Katherine Goodson. Uncle Charlie I can do any kind of housework and outdoor work too. We have taken the Comfort for many years and think it a fine old paper. My dear old grandma is eighty years old and she likes to read Comfort as well as I do. I haven't any kids, only fourteen uncles and thirteen aunts. I can't count my cousins. Uncle Charlie, I know I have made lots of mistakes but if mistakes were hay stacks there would be lots of fat horses. So uncle, if you don't scold me too much I will write again. Best wishes to Uncle Charlie and the cousins. I remain your niece and cousin, ANNA MOORE.

Annie, yours is a nicely written letter, and I didn't have to stand on my head to read it. I am rather astonished to find that you have given the glorious state of Oklahoma the throw down and hiked off to La. I should like the Oklahoma cousins to explain this as I was under the impression they had the best state in the Union. You say Annie that you weigh as much as a grasshopper. I am sorry to say that is not very definite. Some of the grasshoppers we have up in this section are of considerable size. I remember trying to put a grasshopper on a neck once when I went fishing, and the darned grasshopper took me by the scruff of the neck and the seat of the pants, and threw me into the water. If you weigh as much as that grasshopper, you must be as big as an elephant. You say you changed trains six times between Enid, Oklahoma, and Black Creek, La. You must be very hard to please, Annie. If you changed trains as often as that, why did you change so often? Were the seats too hard, or did the conductor get fresh, or was there not enough steam to keep you warm or what? There must be some explanation for this constant change of trains on such a comparatively short journey. I have gone all the way from New York to San Francisco and never changed trains once. The train suited me all right. If I had wanted to change trains I know the conductor would have told me the train did not suit me I could get off and walk. I wonder they did not tell you the same thing. It only shows what the world will do to oblige a young lady. I heard about your train running into Fort Worth. From the reports that came to me it must have been a terrible crash. I presume that was one of the reasons you changed trains—the one that ran into Fort Worth got smashed. I know Fort Worth is Fort Worthless since you ran into it. You bent it pretty badly. The next time you get in the neighborhood of Fort Worth on the cars, please run through it, and not into it. You say your teacher's name is Miss Goodson. That name does not seem to fit a young lady. No young lady could ever be a good son or a bad son either. Ask teacher to change her name to Miss Catherine Gooddaugter, and leave the son out. You say if mistakes were haystacks there would be lots of fat horses. Yes, my dear, and if mistakes were beef steaks there would be a very fat Uncle Charlie, and the price of meat would not be so high. You were wise to quit writing on the railroads Annie. It's the height of folly to write letters on the railroads, for a train might come along when you were in the middle of an exciting sentence and pulverize you to sausage meat. Never write on a railroad, select some safer and more comfortable spot.

RHINELANDER, WIS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:—I have just finished reading the cousins' letters in December Comfort and I made up my mind I'd write too. I have often wondered how the convicts in the prisons spend Christmas. I read an article in the newspaper a short time ago telling how they spent Thanksgiving, but it omitted saying how they spent Christmas. Uncle, don't you think that if they were more strict with the laws, and if they did change them so frequently that there would be less criminals in our country. Only a few days ago, a man in our town was arrested for stealing money from the town, and instead of spending a few days or a year in jail, got off without a sentence of any kind. All he had to do was to pay twenty dollars and costs, when he had stolen about four or five hundred from the town. Do you think the law ought to let a man off so easy? There are just such cases happening nearly every day.

Rhinelander is a place of about seven thousand inhabitants. It has several fine buildings, including a paper mill which cost about a million or more dollars, a new court house which cost a hundred thousand, and a city hall, which cost about (if I am not mistaken) forty thousand dollars. It has also several hotels, two fire departments, several churches and stores of all kind, three lumber companies, a veneer factory and refrigerator factory, and am sorry to say, several saloons. But there are not so many now as there were a few years ago. Our town came near being voted dry last fall. So you see it is quite a place, leaving out the saloons.

Well, I have described our town, now I will describe myself. I have blue eyes, dark brown hair, and am five feet four and a half inches tall, and weigh one hundred and nineteen pounds.

Well, I must close now, as I suppose you are dreadfully tired of my letter. With lots of love to Uncle Charlie and the cousins, GRACE McLAUGHLIN.

Grace, your letter is nicely written, and with that ink too. Thank you for that. You ask me how the convicts spend Christmas in prison. I will tell you. They have a glorious time, and no wonder for they are all surrounded by bars. Every convict is in a barroom. All the convicts however are strictly prohibition. They are all anxious to abolish the bars. Grace I am deeply interested in the case of the gentleman who stole four hundred dollars and was only fined twenty dollars for the crime. With my limited knowledge of arithmetic I am still able to come to the conclusion that the gentleman in question was three hundred and eighty dollars ahead on the game. Now what I want to know is this. Do you think if I came out to Rhinelander, Wis., that the citizens of your burg would allow me to take in four hundred dollars of their good money

and only charge me twenty dollars for getting away with it? Directly I read your letter, Grace, I had Billy the Goat pack my trunk (which is a shoe box by the way) with my very extensive wardrobe, which consists of one sock, half an undershirt, and two collar buttons, and prepared to make tracks for Rhinelander, Wis. All my life I have been looking for a place where I could hand out twenty dollars and get four hundred dollars in return for it. I don't know how many times a man could repeat this operation in your city but I should think if he did it many times a day in the course of a few years Rhinelander, Wis., would be bankrupt. Your clearness must certainly be a bunch of easy marks, pastmasters in the art of promoting crime. I should imagine if the events you have narrated are correct you cannot wonder that there are criminals in this country. Everyone is crazy to get rich quick, everyone is trying to get something for nothing, and the easiest road to riches is to commit crime. Steal a loaf of bread for a starving wife and children and you are a criminal, and will probably go to jail for the rest of your life. Steal five dollars and they will send you to the electric chair. Steal four hundred dollars and they will congratulate you on your cleverness and only charge you a commission of twenty dollars for getting away with it. Steal a hundred thousand dollars and you will be a model citizen, envied by everybody. Create a trust and rob every man, woman and child in the country, and give back twenty per cent. of your stealings for Foreign Missions or to the church or for the erection of libraries, colleges or other institutional bric-a-brac, and the whole nation will be at your feet, Congress will lick your shoes, foreign monarchs will decorate you, ministers will preach sermons in your praise, churches that you will own, and Congress will pass no legislation that you don't approve of. In fact the whole government of the country will be in your hands. It is a crime to be a small thief, it is noble and glorious to be a big one. Congress might remedy this, but as soon as laws are made to stop big thieves, clever rascally lawyers, whose salaries are four times as much as that of the President of the United States and who get their big salaries for keeping trust thieves out of jail, find loopholes in the statutes, little miserable technicalities which enable them to evade the law. The judge, who was a corporation lawyer before he received his judicial appointment, and who expects to get a job as corporation lawyer as soon as his term of office is over, decides the case in favor of the corporation, and so the game goes on. As regards our courts of law, too many of them are merely machines by which the rich man can evade the law. Such have become the property of the privileged few. How does this come about? I will tell you. If you are a poor man and take a case into court and get a verdict, what good will it do you? If your opponent is a rich man he cares nothing for the verdict of the first court, all he cares for is the verdict of the court of last resort. He appeals the case to a higher and higher court, and he will go on appealing until every dollar you have is gone. Your lawyers finding you dead broke will desert you. This is the way lawyers always do. They are too often mere parasites, who live on other people's troubles. When they take up a case the question with them is not: "Can I win this for my client," but "how much money can I get out of it for myself?" The law's delays, and the way justice, or what passes for justice is administered in the United States, is a scandal and a crime. There is something in the ordinary lawyer who is trying to get a verdict, that is inimical to the administration of real justice, and the highest ideals of honor and integrity. It should be no more costly to go to law than to go to the church or the theater. The law should be administered by government servants paid by the people, and the judges should remember that instead of being little tin gods on wheels, they are the servants of the people and not their masters. Everything is done to make law costly. It is made slow purposely so that big bills can be run up against the poor unfortunate wretch who is trying to get himself free from wrongdoings. It has become a byword in this country that no matter how just or righteous your cause, you are foolish to go to law. It is cheaper to suffer loss and indignity than to appeal to the courts. If we could reorganize our uncivilized social system on a basis of equity, fairness and justice to all men, courts and prisons would disappear, and legal parasites would have to go to work, and produce something more valuable and tangible for the use of society, than crops of trouble on which they now grow fat. If we could put business men, scientific men in Congress today and turn out ninety per cent. of lawyers of which it is composed, we would get a real republic instead of a comic opera imitation of it.

BRODERICK, CAL.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:—I am a little Western girl, living in California. I am four feet six inches tall. I have dark auburn hair and blue eyes. California is a big place. Broderick is across the river from the capital of the state—Sacramento. I received my membership card and button and think them lovely. I always like to read the letters the cousins write and your answers to them. I am twelve years old. Say Uncle Charlie can you spare a place on your knee for me? I can run wash and bake a cake. Well I wish you could come to Sacramento and see me. I will be glad to hear from the cousins and if they send postal cards, I will answer them. I am in the fifth grade at school. Well I wish I could see all the cousins and you too. With love, your niece, BEULAH ROBERTSON. (. 29,930.)

BRODERICK, CAL.

I am glad to find, Beulah, that California is a big place. I was always under the impression that it was and now I feel positive of it. I can certainly spare a place on my knee for you, dear, or any other little girl, or big girl either, young or old. My knees are of immense proportions and can hold all humanity that is good and worth while. I am quite astounded at your accomplishments, Beulah, in the cooking line. You say you can iron wash and bake a cake. I did not know that it was necessary to iron and wash cakes before they are fit for consumption, but from my experience with cakes of all varieties and nationalities, sizes and conditions, I should imagine if they had been subjected to a washing and ironing process before being placed on the table they might have been considerably improved. From the weight and the taste of some of the cakes I have had to sample, I am firmly of the opinion that they must have been ironed, and the iron left inside. Did you leave the iron inside yours, dear? The doctor has just informed me that I have got to take some iron, but I hope to heaven I won't have to take ten pounds of it stowed away in one of your cakes. Oh, say cousins, would we not just give a million bucks apiece, and bucks mean dollars up here, to be able to peek through the door when Beulah is washing and ironing one of her cakes, and would not we all like to be on hand when some of her friends and relatives are trying to eat the cake after she has got through ironing it? Now Beulah, I am quite ready and willing to go to Broderick and see you, but if you hand me one of those ironed cakes, I am going to beat it home, understand that.

JETT, ARK.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:—I am a little girl thirteen years old and weigh ninety pounds. I'm five feet and one inch tall, have dark yellow hair and blue eyes. I live on a farm. I have five half sisters and two half brothers, they are all married, so there is just papa, mama and myself. I go to school and I am in the fifth grade. I love the dear old Comfort. So hoping this will miss the waist basket I remain your niece and cousin, LEONA SIMMONS.

There is nothing very startling in your letter, Leona, from an educational point of view, and neither the writing nor the spelling are very creditable for a young lady of thirteen. I have had many better letters from children five years your junior. You say you have dark "yellow" hair, and I am wondering what kind of color "yellow" is. I have heard of yellow hair, but yellow hair is a new one on me. I am, however, greatly interested in your family of half sisters

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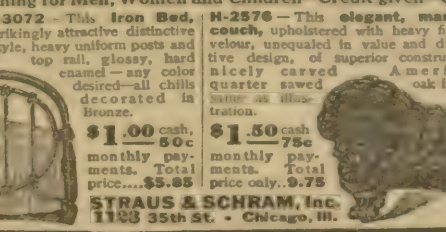
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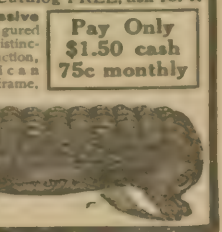
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and half brothers. What astonishes me most is to find they are all married. Now, I can't for the life of me imagine how anyone would want to marry the half of anybody's sister or brother, and yet there is a possible explanation that has just flashed across my mind. Some of the women are so very extravagant that it is quite possible a man could only afford to marry half of one, the less extravagant half I presume, and I am wondering which half that would be. It is a strange thing, that with so many unmarried women looking for husbands, your five half sisters could all get married, while thousands of whole and complete sisters have to remain single, but apparently the rule is not observed in your family. I should hate to have half a papa on pay day for maybe the half that came home would be the penniless half, and not the half that was carrying the weekly wage. Half a papa and half a mama would be terrible calamities. If marriageable men could divide themselves into halves, I presume there would be fewer old maids. Leona you say you go to school, and are in the "fifth grade." Will you please show this letter to your school teacher and ask her what the "fifth grade" means. If the other members of the "fifth grade" are unable to produce a better letter than yours Leona, I don't think your school teacher will be entitled to many medals, except those of the leather and putty variety. You say you hope this will escape the waist basket, and you will note it has, because Billy the Goat has not eaten it. Billy the Goat's basket is underneath his waist, so you see that is a waist basket. The other kind of basket unattached to the human system is spelled waste dear, do not forget that, and please do ask teacher to look out for that "fifth grade." It will certainly bear watching.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:—Will you listen to some "chin music" from a "Noo Yawker"? I am fourteen years old, have curly brown hair and hazel eyes, and attend the Wadleigh High School.

Surely you would like to hear about our wonderful city. Were you ever here, Uncle Charlie? So I imagine you are a "Noo Yawker." Are you? What city claims you? But perhaps my questions are impertinent, so here goes about New York.

You all know that it is one of the largest cities in the world, in fact, second largest? The sights everywhere go to see are the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History, Flatiron Bldg., Central Park, Grant's Tomb, Brooklyn Bridge, the Subway, and other wonderful things too numerous to mention.

Only today, I went to the Museum of Natural History, and saw the Peary expedition exhibition. Imagine, cousins, I saw the sled that reached the Pole! I followed Peary's route on a huge map. I also saw the skins of animals that Peary had captured, Eskimo clothing, stuffed ice-bears, and model Eskimo villages. It was very, very interesting. If Billy, the Goat, gets this letter, tell him to meet me in Central Park at night. You may bet I'll be ready for him! Now one thing more before I close. Write to me, please. You will be certain to get an answer from me. Let me hear from you, Southern and Western cousins!

Hoping to see this in print soon, I am, with love, Your niece, ELIZABETH I. JACOBS.

Elizabeth, your letter is capitally written. Your writing would do credit to anyone twice your age. You say you imagine I am a New Yorker. I am not a born New Yorker, Elizabeth, though I do live in Greater New York. I never cared for New York. There is nothing homelike about it. It is a city of noise and graft, the abiding place of the off scourings of Europe, or don't even consider New York is in America, or is a part of the United States, and she's not until it cleans up and behaves itself. Thank Heaven it has fired Tammany for a while, and so is doing its best now to be decent. Here is something I read in this morning's paper, January 23rd, that will give an idea of how New York has been run and robbed. I quote this from the "New York American," and it is the result of practically twelve years of undisturbed Tammany control of the City Water Department: "Commissioner Thompson found a condition of affairs which he has told his friends was almost beyond belief. He found a foreman and five assistants, three teams and a carpenter detailed to a gang of five laborers, who were likewise without work. He found stokers, oilers, machinists and helpers assigned to imaginary pumping stations that did not exist, and ten caulkers detailed to a pumping station at four dollars a day with nothing to do except draw their pay." In this one section alone the city was being robbed of half a million dollars yearly. This money was being paid to people who absolutely did nothing. The whole bunch should be put in jail. Such graft turns honest men into parasites. Elizabeth, you need not get excited about seeing the sled that reached the Pole. Come up here to the Arctic regions of Maine, and you will see the Pole at anytime. I was very heroic of you to follow Peary's route of huge map. You are a brave girl. That's the way I followed it. I feel quite interested in Commander Peary's success, for I used to live in the same house with him, and had an adjoining apartment. I guess he appreciated the honor of being permitted to live under the same roof with me, if he didn't be ought to have done. We all ought to rejoice in the success of our neighbors, and I hope Commander Peary is rejoicing in my success. I would rather give one wheel chair away to an invalid, than discover forty old wheels. Outside of satisfying human curiosity, I doubt if a single thing has been accomplished by the discovery of the North Pole. Elizabeth I should have liked to have seen some of those stuffed ice bears. I should imagine they would feel awfully cold during the winter time, though it must just be grand to be stuffed with ice when the thermometer is in the nineties, and the Ice Trust is putting the price up out of reach. I would love to see that model Eskimo village. I should imagine a model Eskimo village must be very model indeed. I have no doubt the

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A Corner for Boys By Uncle John

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A Nonsense Question

If five birds were sitting on a fence and you shot two of them, how many left? A says there would be three left but B says there wouldn't be any left because the three that were not shot would naturally fly away. "We," says A, "if they'd fly away they'd leave, wouldn't they?" "Yes, sure they would." "How many would leave?" "Why the three that were able to, of course." "Well, if three would leave, then three would have left, wouldn't they?" "What—er—um." Think it over boys and see which one was right.

Water Supply Insured

If you have a running stream on your farm or near it you can make it supply you with plenty of fresh water for the cattle or for irrigating by means of the contrivance pictured here. Get an old hub or make one and fasten spokes five feet long to it, widening the ends into paddle shape as shown. The spokes are made rigid and firm by nailing strips around about eight inches from the ends. To the rim thus formed small tin cans are made fast. The wheel is then mounted on a bearing in such a way that the current will cause it to turn and bring up the cans brimming full of water. The cans on reaching the highest point will be in such a position that the water will fall out and a trough should be erected to receive their contents. A water-tight box will serve as a tank and from it the supply may be piped any distance and to a height equal to the elevation of the tank. In fact it could be conducted ten miles and then the water would rise as high as its source. The pipes can be under ground and need not be in a straight line or on a level. This is one of the best ideas ever published in this column and it should get many a bright country lad thinking. If you cannot rig up the device as large as the dimensions given make a little model and you will learn much from it. If you have any questions to ask about it I will be glad to answer them.



THE SUPPLY MAY BE INEXHAUSTIBLE.

A Sample of Irish Wit

Since the beginning of time the Irish have been noted for their keen repart and many brilliant retorts are credited to the sturdy sons of Erin. Many years ago a magnificent public library was erected by a narrow-minded plutocrat and when finished he caused the following inscription to be cut over the massive doorway:

"Jew, pagan, and atheist are welcome here, To rest and read and share our cheer, But the Irish we'll hate until we die, Therefore Paddy do not apply."

An Irishman passed that way and seeing the inscription became much enraged. After a few minutes' thought however he wrote something himself under the other letters and continued his way chuckling audibly. This is what he wrote:

"Whoever wrote this wrote it well, For the same is written on the gates of hell."

How to Cover a Ball

Country boys love to play ball but they have not the advantage of the corner drug store that keeps all kinds of ball supplies neither is the cobbler that will cover a ball so handy. This plan is very novel and one of the best ideas ever printed in this column. The ball itself may be made by wrapping yarn around a five cent rubber ball. Measure half the circumference of your ball "A-B" in Fig. 1. With this piece of string as a radius draw a circle as in Fig. 2. Divide the circle into three equal parts. The width of each

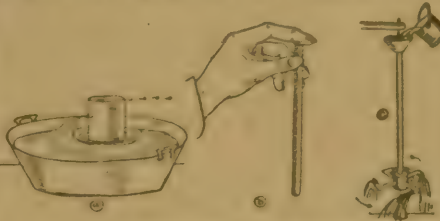


FOR THE INGENIOUS BOY.

section of the three leaved diagram is one half the length of the radius. In other words the line "C-D" is one half as long as the line "X-Y." The leather should be soaked in water for a day before using. Place the ball as shown in Fig. 3 and use the stitch shown in Fig. 4. You will need an awl to make holes for the needle but a sharpened nail will do in a pinch. When finished lay the ball aside for a day and allow the leather cover to shrink and tighten. This is a great plan boys and I sincerely hope you will try it and let me know how you succeeded.

A Bit of Science

Thousands of boys have asked me to publish something of a scientific nature. Here are a few experiments simple enough for all of you to try. The cut "a" represents a can of water floating upon the surface of water contained in a dishpan. Now we all know that the water in a vessel presses upon the bottom of the vessel but it is not quite so easy to understand that it also exerts a side or lateral pressure. In reality it does exert a strong force in all directions and if we can remove the force from one side the can will



AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

be pushed the opposite way. Puncture the can with a nail and note that it floats in the direction opposite to that taken by the jet of water. The

cut "c" is another device to prove the principle of lateral pressure. The wheel at the bottom revolves in the direction of the arrows. The central drawing of the hand holding the tube serves to illustrate the air pressure. Plunge a small tube into a vessel of water, stop the top opening with the finger and withdraw the tube. The water will remain in it but as soon as you take the finger from the top will flow out. The air pressing in the bottom holds the water in but when you open the top end a counteracting force is admitted and consequently the water being heavier than air, falls. Try those experiments and endeavor to clearly understand the principles involved.

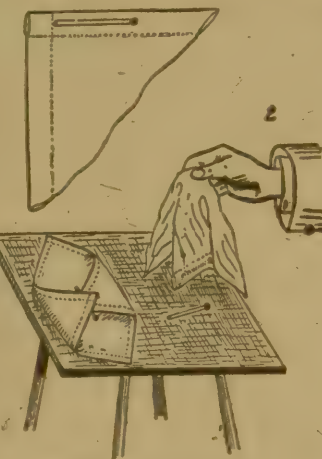
A Tailless Kite

Kite flying is a fascinating pastime and provides good outdoor exercise. Every boy knows how to make the common model that requires a long tail but here is something different. This design is really simpler than the tail kite and may be made by any lad. The two sticks that form the cross should be one quarter inch square and forty inches long. Pine or spruce is the best wood to use. The cross arm intersects the upright piece seven inches from the top and is then bent back in bow fashion. Instead of paper use light cloth to cover the frame. Cut the cloth the same shape as the frame but have it two inches wider at the cross arm so that when the edges are pasted in it will belly out like a sail. It is this slack and the bowing of the crosspiece that permits the kite to catch the wind and fly with the tail. The bridle cord is a simple loop and is fastened so that its high end is an inch above the cross arm and its low end three inches above the end of upright stick. A little experimenting may be necessary to get the right balance but you should have great success flying this kite.

THE BOY'S DELIGHT.

A Match Trick

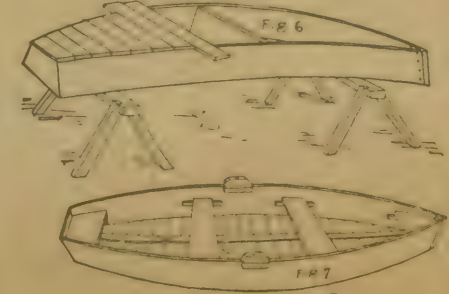
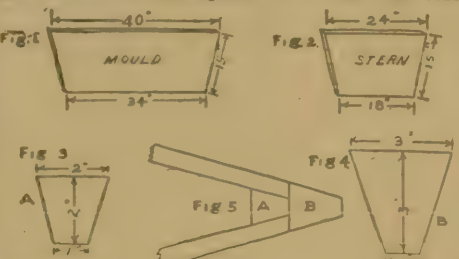
Propose to the company that you will mend a broken match by pronouncing the magic words "Hocus pocus domino tiddlywinks." You must prepare for the trick by having a match concealed in the hem of your handkerchief as in Fig. 1. Lay the prepared match on the table and ask someone to place a match in the center of it. Then fold the corners in, completely covering the match. You now take the kerchief in your hands and instead of taking the match placed in the center you quickly locate the match which has been concealed in the hem and break it, permitting the company to feel through the cloth of the two or more parts. When everyone is satisfied that it is really broken you shake the handkerchief and the whole match will fall out, the broken one still remaining in the hem. The audience will be surprised and mystified and to add to their wonder you may repeat the trick several times. In performing it be careful that no one but yourself handles the handkerchief and no patter how much you are coaxing do not explain how it is done. Study the accompanying cuts and you will have no trouble in doing it the first time.



DECEIVING TO THE EYE.

Building a Rowboat

Thousands of lads who live near creeks, bayons and small inland lakes have from time to time earnestly requested that I tell them how to build a boat. Nearly every one laid stress on the fact that they had very little lumber, few tools and practically no experience in building. Boys this boat plan is my answer to your requests. The very first thing to make is the mould Fig. 1. The dimensions are plainly marked on it. Next saw out of two inch plank the stern shown in Fig. 2. The pointed end of the boat is shown in Fig. 5, and the size of those parts all of two inch stuff



FOR LONG SUMMER DAYS.

is pictured in Figs. 3 and 4. The planks that form the sides of the boat should be ten or twelve feet long. Any good sound lumber will do. Its width should be twelve inches or more. The first step in putting the parts together is to place the mould Fig. 1 between the side pieces at the center of their length. Next put in the stern mould Fig. 2, and screw the sides firmly to it with long screws. The front ends of the side planks are then brought together and fastened as in Fig. 5. The bottom boards are then nailed on as in Fig. 6. Do not put them too close together, leave a space between each about the thickness of a knife blade for the cracks have to be stuffed with oakum anyhow. Fig. 7 shows the seat and rowlock arrangement so plainly that I will waste no words on them. When the boat is complete paint it inside and outside with good white lead and oil. Whenever there is a crack stuff string into it but not too tight for the water will swell it. When this stuffing of cracks or caulking is done you must

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April Puzzle

The rabbit is holding a large Easter egg upon the platter. You will notice a jumbled sentence on the egg. Can you read it? See correct solution next month.

Answer to March Puzzle

The wearing of the green.

Problems

The questions given in this column are of the ordinary variety of test examples and depend for their puzzling qualities solely upon their merits as arithmetical problems and not upon any tricks in wording or construction. We try to state the proposition in the simplest words so that only one meaning can be taken from them.

1. A man has \$5000 and loans part of it at 6 per cent, and part at 5 per cent. His total annual income from this source is \$280. What sum did he loan at 6 per cent?
2. An article costs 30 cents. At what price must it be marked so that a discount of one eighth may be allowed and still yield a profit of one sixth?
3. If you sold a house for \$6000 and thereby lost one third for what price should you sell another at an advance of eight twenty-fifths (8-25), so that you might exactly retrieve your loss on the first house?

The answers to the question published in this department last month are here given:

1. Value of suit of clothes \$48. 2. B walked 100 miles, C walked 150 miles.
3. A loss of one sixtieth of a cent is sustained on each apple and this on the sixty apples equals one cent loss.

I think this list of articles will keep you profitably engaged for a whole month. If, in attempting to make any of the things described, you find yourself puzzled upon any point, do not hesitate to write me, asking for more detailed information. My space is small and it is not always possible to make everything as clear as I would like to. In the May number there will be full plans and description of a minnow trap, rose arbor, lawn swing, water wings, Indian wigwam and other things. See that your subscription is paid up and if it isn't renew at once.

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The Joyous Eastertide

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"But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit;
"And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
"Behold my hands and my feet that it is I myself; handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.
"And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet."
The scene thus described in the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke is the subject of our title page illustration this month.

As they were still inclined to doubt the evidence of their own eyes and ears, to convince them He called for food and ate it in their presence.

Thomas was absent at the time, and when it was told to him he refused to believe that the Lord had risen, and was not convinced until later when Jesus appeared to him and commanded him to put his finger into the nail holes in His hands.

Jesus had told them repeatedly during His three years' ministry that He should die at the hands of wicked men and should rise from the dead in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, and when, after His crucifixion, He appeared before their astonished and doubting eyes He reminded them of these predictions.

Judging from Jesus' reproving words on these occasions when He appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He was deeply grieved at their unbelief; and why not? For what could be expected in the way of faith from the rest of the world? What hope of converting the millions who had never seen Him, then or in generations to come, if His own disciples were so incredulous?

But once convinced that Jesus stood before them in flesh and blood triumphant over death, their despondency of unbelief was transformed into enthusiastic faith and religious fervor that knew no bounds, and inspired them with the spirit of heroism to take up His cross and go forth and preach His gospel, and to suffer martyrdom with rejoicing.

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus was such a supreme sacrifice for the World that there must have been some equally great necessity for it, and which could not have been achieved by any lesser means, by a tragedy less sublime.

Impressed with this idea the theologians in the past, casting about for an adequate divine purpose of sufficient consequence in their estimation to justify God in permitting the crucifixion of Christ, invented the horrible doctrine that God was so enraged with the wickedness of the World that He sent His own son to death by torture on the cross to appease His own anger at man; thus slandering God by picturing Him as a cruel and revengeful tyrant.

Until recent times this shocking creed was the prevailing belief, but now a more decent conception of God is entertained by most Christians; one which accords with the teachings of Christ, that God is a loving father pitying and merciful to his poor, weak, erring children.

In the beautiful words of New England's Quaker poet:

"But still my human hands are weak
To hold your iron creeds;
Against the words ye bid me speak
My heart within me pleads.

"Who fathoms the eternal thought?
Who talks of scheme and plan?
The Lord is God! He needeth not
The poor device of man.

"I walk with bare, hushed feet the ground
Ye tread with boldness shod;
I dare not fix with meet and bound
The love and power of God.

"Ye see the curse that overbroods
A world of pain and loss;
I hear our Lord's beatitudes
And pray upon the cross.

"And so beside the Silent Sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore."

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

These lines are from Whittier's "Eternal Goodness," and it will do anyone good to read the entire poem every Easter.

It was not to appease God's anger toward man and bring God to man as the old theologians taught and some even now believe, but to bring humanity to God that Christ died.

We all believe that Christ came to earth to point out the way; and the purpose of this article is to show our readers that His mission would have been a dismal failure for lack of faith even in the hearts of His own disciples, had He not given them and the World the convincing proof of immortality by His own crucifixion and resurrection. In this we find a sufficient reason, the real necessity for the great Sacrifice of the Lamb; a sacrifice not to God, but to establish faith in the hearts of weak and doubting humanity.

On the resurrection of Christ depends the entire faith in Christianity, and as Saint Paul said: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and our faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not."

How fickle is the human heart and how easily led astray is shown by the incomprehensible change of feeling that took place in that week's time between the day, now celebrated, as Palm Sunday, on which Christ rode in triumph into Jerusalem amid the throngs that cast palm branches in His way and acclaimed him as their deliverer and Lord, and the next Sunday on which He rose from the dead. In one short week He had His last supper with His disciples, was betrayed, arrested, tried, condemned, crucified, buried and rose and appeared to His disciples.

The events of that week have ever since been the highest inspiration of the poets and the great artists, and could we visit the little mountain village of Oberammergau in Bavaria where the simple peasants this year, in fulfillment of the holy vow of their forefathers, are enacting the wonderful Passion Play and presenting to the World a living reproduction, of the sacred drama, the divine tragedy of the Saviour's life, death and resurrection, we should experience an exaltation of faith akin to that which inspired the apostles.

As Christians let us sweep away narrow distinctions of men-made creeds, and triumph in the resurrection. Surely you will all concur in the sentiment so beautifully expressed in my favorite hymn:

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

"When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

"When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming,
Adds more luster to the day.

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide."

Comfort's League of Cousins

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streets are beautifully laid out, well lighted with electricity, regularly patrolled by Eskimo police, and that all the Eskimo igloos or ice houses are steam heated and have elevators. There is one man in that Eskimo village who must have a perpetual frown I should imagine, and that is the ice man. I'll bet he is always kicking about the climate, and wishing warm weather would come. Billy the Goat has been reading your letter, Elizabeth, and he says he would like to meet you in Central Park and have you explain about this model Eskimo village, as he is of the opinion that you mean the model of an Eskimo village, which is a very different thing. If you want to study the latest styles in Eskimo clothing, come up to Maine. You can see the latest Arctic styles here. As regards those stuffed bears, and the skins of animals Peary captured, I must say I don't like that business, it looks to me like a skin game. Elizabeth, your letter is fine, it is to the mustard, and you are a regular candy kid, but you can have New York—Brooklyn and Augusta, Maine for mine.

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Wm. V. Kinter, Home, Pa. Poor, helpless, needy, bedridden shut-in. He has a horror of the poorhouse. Keep him out of it if you can. William is a lovely character, and grateful for any help. Ellen Kinney, Brookport, N. Y. Very grateful to those who contributed Christmas cheer. Ellen is a helpless invalid, dependent on the charitable for her support. J. L. Pendry, Key Rock, Pa. Helpless shut-in. Poor and needy. Very grateful for help sent him at Christmas. Nannie Brown, Houstonville, Kentucky. Invalid fifteen years. Send her some sunshine. Lou Turner, Adams, Missouri, wants silk-stem thread or Z. S. for yards to work a worsted quilt. Mrs. S. G. Willborn, Marble Valley, Hoosier Co., Ala. Has a daughter twenty years old, also one of twelve. Neither one has ever walked. Both helpless from birth. Mrs. Willborn will be grateful for any cast-off clothing, or any good reading matter. Excellent references. Mrs. A. C. Scott, Lamar, Ala. Very grateful for help sent her at Christmas. Wishes to notify you of her change of address. G. B. Hutchinson, Clay Center, Kans. Shut-in, would like postals and cheery letters. Send stamps if you want a reply. Nathan L. Tart, Benson, N. C. Helpless invalid. Confined to bed, not able to sit up. Parents very old, only support two sisters, one of whom is badly afflicted. Send him all the financial cheer you possibly can. His is a sad, lonely suffering life. Be good to him.

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The Pretty Girls' Club

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NOW that summer days are approaching, let us give time and thought to beautifying our shoulders, as the low-cut lingerie shirt-waist exposes so much of the shoulders that it is necessary that they be beautiful to look upon. This means a deal of work ahead of all of us, as it is only the hundredth woman who possesses presentable and shapely shoulders.

Of course the very first thing you want to know is what constitutes a really truly pretty pair of shoulders. Well, there are two types of shoulders, either of them bewitchingly pretty.

One is the shoulder of the matron, which should be full and white. Its satiny skin and dazzling color makes it handsome to look upon.

This type of shoulder generally denotes a woman past twenty-five, but I have seen young girls with full dimpled shoulders.

Now for the second type, which is called the youthful shoulder. One seldom sees it in girls past twenty. It is as beautiful as it is rare. The youthful shoulder is slight and has not much flesh to spare, yet not a bone shows. It is perfectly shaped and in color it resembles newly fallen snow.

These two types of shoulders ought to be studied by the girl of nineteen hundred and ten.

Ask yourself if you are young enough to have the delicate type of shoulders and whether it would add to your beauty.

If the answer is "no," then cultivate the full shoulders of the woman past twenty-five for they are easy to acquire and sufficiently pretty to satisfy the most exacting eye.

To obtain full shapely shoulders, begin with the chest. It is a solemn fact that the woman with a high chest has plump shoulders. Build up your chest and shoulders by a wise system of exercises.

Beautifying Exercise

To develop the shoulders and banish that distressing appearance of thinness, clasp the hands in front of you with the arms outstretched to their fullest extent. Keep the hands clasped and raise them above your head, inhaling meanwhile, and continue raising them until you feel your shoulder blades resist. Repeat this movement eight times. Now inhale deeply with the arms stretched high above your head and bring them sweeping downward in a circle, one on each side, until your little fingers touch the sides of your legs. Stretch your arms as far down as possible, without bending the back. Go through this exercise eight times, and repeat daily, until you secure a pair of dimpled shoulders. For your encouragement, I will say it won't take long to get this result.

Perhaps your shoulders are plump enough, but you are troubled with a lump of flesh at the nape of the neck. This little mass of flesh destroys shoulder beauty, so we must do something to banish it quickly. Massage will do the work, but remember to bear down hard and to use no cream. Some people recommend massaging with toilet vinegar, saying it helps to reduce fat. Place the fingers of the hand on the nape of the neck and massage in circles with the finger-tips, kneading heavily and as near to the bone as possible.

Several times a day you might moisten the nape of the neck with the following astringent lotion:

Rose water, twelve ounces; tincture of benzoin, one ounce; tannic acid, twenty grains; Elderflower water, four ounces.

Massage not only helps to banish the plump girls' troubles, but goes to the relief of her thin sister as well. If her shoulders are bony and embarrassingly shy of flesh, she must invest in a nourishing cream and massage it gently into the shoulders for, say, twenty minutes daily. Use a light rotary movement of the palms of the hands when massaging, and apply the skin food copiously, as it is necessary to feed the starved tissues.

For this massage the following cream is suitable, as it is considered to be an excellent builder.

Fattening Shoulder Cream

Lard, fifty grains; alcohol ninety-five per cent. ten grains; oil of rosemary, six drops; oil of orange, six drops.

Every girl, whether she be fourteen or sixty, admires satiny white shoulders and ought to have them, as yellow shoulders are abnormal. However, you can't have snowy shoulders unless you take proper care of them. What is proper care? Well, for one thing it means washing your shoulders every night just before going to bed, using plenty of good soap and hot water. Instead of a wash cloth, scrub the skin delicately with a soft nail brush, dripping with soap and water. You should then rinse the shoulders thoroughly with tepid water and rub dry with a soft towel. Cold dashes of water next morning over shoulders and bust prove stimulating to the skin and keep it fine and white.

If the above treatment doesn't make your shoulders prettily white why, then we must try bleaching the yellow skin with this simple lotion. If it should irritate the skin stop it.

Bleach for Yellow Shoulders

Distilled water, one ounce; juice of one lemon. This should whiten the skin after several applications, but will not make it smooth.

You can bring the latter result about by going back into the past and learning of a certain beauty secret that belonged to our great-grandmothers. They had wonderful velvety shoulders in those days, and this is how they secured them. Every night before creeping into her gloomy four-poster bed, the girl of that period sat down before her mirror and by the light of a flickering candle smoothed and brushed her shoulders with a huge piece of chamols! Round and round it went, smoothing away all roughness, and polishing the skin until it was as soft as a rose leaf. Why not follow the example of these belles of olden times, and become possessed of satin-finished shoulders?

Here we are getting ready for another summer, when perhaps we aren't yet through with the effects of last summer. I'll wager a box of candy that a large number of Comfort maids and matrons have shoulders covered with last year's tan. I know I've made a good guess, and would suggest dampening those brown shoulders twice a day with this simple preparation:

Horse-radish root, one ounce; borax, two grains.

Pour over these one pint of boiling water. Apply with a tiny sponge. The effect of this should be quickly apparent.

Very often on the streets do we see a woman with shoulders of unequal height, and this not only gives her an awkward carriage but ruins the appearance of her shoulders. Try to keep your

shoulders level; because, if you don't the droop to one side will become so pronounced as the years go by as to amount almost to a deformity. Another thing to avoid is the habit of letting the body sink forward. Shoulders that look like the half of a barrel hoop can't possibly be pretty. Another thing to remember is that when the shoulders droop forward, they cramp the lungs, and all sorts of horrible things happen when the lungs get weak. If you just can't keep your shoulders back where they belong, buy shoulder braces and wear them until your shoulders hold up of their own accord.

Questions and Answers

M. F. B. and others.—The Vaucaire Bust Tonic is to be taken internally as also the extract of malt. Yes, the malt is generally kept by a druggist.

Rosebud and others.—If you contemplate taking the milk diet, I am sure you will gain the fifteen pounds of flesh you desire. It is sweet milk you must take, not buttermilk. I think you can massage those laughing wrinkles away if you are persistent. Put first and second finger-tips underneath the lower lip and massage outward, around the corners of the mouth up to the nostrils. This movement lifts the relaxed muscles, and they gradually hold up of their own accord. Use plenty of cream. Yes, I think complexion pills help to beautify the complexion. Here is a good tonic for dry falling hair. Massage it into the scalp for twenty minutes every other day. Resorcin, one sixteenth of a dram; Castor oil, twelve drams; spirits of wine, five ounces; balsam of Peru, eight grains.

Ugly Samly, Perplexed, Annie.—Drink four quarts of sweet milk daily if you want to have "plump bust, arms and neck." This will beautify your complexion. Give up eating cake, candy, rich sauces, preserves and gravies and pancakes. Wait a good deal and take a good bath every day. At your age, you can expect to have pimples. Wear your hair parted in front, braid the back hair and pin it around the head crossing the part. You didn't tell me what color your eyes were, so I can't tell you what colors would be becoming. Superfluous hair can be killed by the electric needle.

A Club Raiser, Hazel Eyes, Texas Girl, Daisy Girl.—You are going to get your questions answered this time, my dear, and I will do my best to help you. Yes, it is said that a large bust can be reduced by wrapping the chest snugly in thin rubber sheeting. It is supposed to make you perspire, and this breaks down the fat. After you have enveloped your bust in the rubber, take some simple exercise, such as bending from the waist until your finger tips touch the ground. Keep your knees rigid. This exercise reduces the waist. After exercising for ten minutes, take off the rubber and rub your flesh with alcohol, as this prevents your taking cold. If you want to take something to destroy your appetite, you must consult a doctor, as such a remedy is not safe unless you are in the care of a physician. Why not muster up your self-control and give up eating to excess? This is one of the times when you must help yourself. Stop eating so much and you won't be so fat.

Sweet Girl.—To get thick eyebrows, massage the brow with warm sesame oil. Do not get any in the eyes.

Old-Time Dandruff Remedy

Bay rum, five ounces; tincture of cantharides, one ounce; olive oil, one ounce.

So you have gained seven pounds already on the Milk Diet? Am glad to hear it, and suppose you are, too.

Hazel Eyes.—See reply to Sweet Girl. Lashes will curl if they get long enough.

Hazel Eyes, Minn.—Texas Girl, Agnes.—See reply to a Club Raiser and Sweet Girl.

Freckle Remedy

Scrape a teaspoonful of horseradish into a cup of sour milk, let stand for six hours. Apply several times a day. Do not get any in the eyes.

Country Girl, Texas Girl.—Thank you for the formula. I am always glad to hear of new remedies. About the only way to reduce yourself where you mentioned would be to roll. Roll over and over on the floor until you are tired. This rolling exercise for the reduction of flesh is endorsed by a well-known doctor. Of course do not roll if you have heart trouble. I am glad you think my department so useful, and like it so well.

Mrs. G. D., Lydia, Daisy M.—The bending exercise given A Club Raiser will reduce a large abdomen. For the liver spots let me advise taking two glasses of hot water half an hour before each meal and before going to bed. Three quarters of an hour before breakfast drink the juice of half a lemon diluted with a little water.

Farmer Girl.—For your height, your measurements seem correct, but I wish you had given me your weight. It is hard to judge without. See reply to Country Girl.

A Stout Friend.—You are certainly a very busy girl, but I guess you can squeeze in a half hour for beautifying. See reply to Country Girl and Club Raiser.

Ada.—It may comfort you, honey, when I say that the pretty spring styles are more suitable for stout people than thin. I agree with your relatives. I think in a year or two you will begin to grow slim, so don't be discouraged. See reply to A Club Raiser and Country Girl.

Miss Emma.—You can probably make your face some thinner by massaging heavily with your dry hands. Do this daily.

Miss Addi, Mrs. Del. O. M. C., Hobart, N. Y.—Here is a Bust Tonic.



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E. M. B.—Take two tablespoonfuls of perfected cod liver oil after each meal and you will soon begin to put on flesh. Yes, people who drink much coffee self-

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dom have a good complexion. See reply to Hazel Eyes.

Miss V. M., Indiana.—Cocoa butter would probably cost about twenty cents a cake. Yes, massage of the bust with this would enlarge it, but it is a good idea to help matters along by drinking milk or taking cod-liver oil.

C. A. N., Agnes, Bertie.—Rub the following on your hands at night and then wrap them up in cotton cloth. Wash off in the morning:

Myrrh, one ounce; honey, four ounces; yellow wax, two ounces; rose water, six ounces.

Viola.—Welcome, little girl. As you want your finger nails narrow, cut them pointed. Massage the fingers with toilet vinegar, as this will make them thin. Tell your sister to read reply to C. A. N.

Mrs. W. H. G., Minnie, Lydia, Mrs. D. A. S., Bonnie, Bright Eyes, Miss Augusta, Alice.—Removing superfluous hair by the electric needle costs five dollars an hour. Perhaps you would only need fifteen minutes. It is said that Peroxide of Hydrogen will destroy hair structure after a considerable length of time. If your face is pimply I would not use it. Do not apply oil or grease to your little girl's face. No, you cannot give yourself a treatment with the electric needle. It requires a skilled operator. Go to the town and into a hair store or beauty shop, if any. If not, some doctor will give it. I do not know how Rose May used the spirits of camphor to remove hair. I presume she dampened the hairy spot with it every day. If you have been unsuccessful, better stop treatment mentioned.

Troubled Brown Eyes.—Try to hold yourself erect, and this will make you look taller. You have three more years to grow, so don't be discouraged. You ought to look fine in a princess dress. See reply to Mrs. W. H. G.

Newell.—See reply to Mrs. W. H. G. You cannot darken the hair without running a risk of injuring it. Yes, I have heard of the freckle remedy you mention. Did you like it?

Tennessee Girl.—See reply to Mrs. W. H. G. I never heard of an electric treatment sold by the bottle. I wish you would let me know about this and then I will advise you.

Manda.—See reply to Mrs. W. H. G. and Tennessee Girl.

Miss Curley, Comfort Reader, J. L. S., Eleanor, Solitaire.—By touching the eyelid edges with yellow vaseline, you will cause the lashes to grow long and thick. Warm sesame oil rubbed into the brows will make the hair grow. You can easily soften your rough skin. Throw a handful of rolled oats into the water every time you bathe your face. Washing your face in buttermilk every night will soon whiten a yellow skin. Let it stay on for thirty minutes before washing off with warm water. Look over my dimple article in the October number of COMFORT.

Gypsy James, A New Subscriber, Mary, Alice, E. V., Ill., Bertie, May Bird, Wortham, Eleanor.—Pimples and blackheads are certainly disagreeable. You must stop eating cake, pie, pudding, candy, rich gravies and preserves. Take a thorough bath every day and walk out in the fresh air for an hour. Always at night wash your face with soft water and a pure mild soap.

Pimple Lotion

Precipitate of sulphur, one dram; tincture of camphor, one dram; rose water, four ounces.

Apply the lotion twice a day. As for the blackheads, it is a good idea to bathe the face for ten minutes in very hot water, after which mop on the spots this lotion: Carbonate of magnesia, and zinc oxide, each one dram; rose water, four ounces. Let this stay for a few minutes, then press out fleshworms or blackheads. Massage with cold cream for a minute or two. Pimples and blackheads and enlarged pores, drink two glasses of hot water half an hour before each meal and before going to bed, and keep the bowels in an active condition. A complexion brush is used as you would a wash cloth. Ring worms will be cured if you eat plain food and drink hot water as directed above.

F. R. J., Red Face.—See reply to A New Subscriber. You are too bull-headed. Don't eat rich food, but drink lots of cool water. You can make soap jelly by paring one half cake of white soap into three cups of water and boiling until the liquid jellies.

Daisy M.—As regards diet, follow treatment given A New Subscriber. Hot water, daily bath and exercise will help give you a white clear skin. I do not approve of the mask you mention. It will cause pimples. Neither do I approve of the remedy you mention for reducing flesh. Thank you for your pretty photo.

Eleanor, Illinois.—Give your full name and address, and we will look up and see why your magazine does not reach you.

Bertie.—The following lotion is good for enlarged pores:

Tincture of benzoin, fifteen drops; mucilage of acacia, fifteen drops; lime-water to make one ounce.

Sappho, Solitaire, Red Face, Gypsy, James, Carrie, Marie, Anxious.—Stop veiling your face at night, and give the pores of the skin a chance to breathe. Also stop using the glycerine and rose-water.

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Mix two handfuls of almond meal with a tablespoonful of cold cream then add enough hot water to make a spreading paste. Spread it between two d p squares of thin cheesecloth, tearing a hole in the center for your nose. Now wash your face thoroughly with soap and hot water, rinse well. Put small cotton pads over each eye, then lay on Almond Meal Pack. Pat it down snugly and cover with two damp towels. An quick as they cool, remove the towels. Keep this up for twelve minutes, then remove pack and bathe face in tepid water, finishing with a massage. Give this treatment twice a week. It is said to make the skin white as cotton. Do not use if the skin is pimply. Almond meal costs about seventy-five cents a pound. Theatrical cream is a cheap cream, and good enough for this purpose.

Gypsy James.—Drinking hot water in the winter time will increase the circulation of your blood and warm your cold hands. Massage your face with skin food every night before going to bed, and the skin will stop crinkling.

Country Jake.—Get your druggist to send and get you the galega. Yes, honey will soften and whiten the face, as also cow's milk.

Bleach for Yellow Neck

One ounce honey, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, six drops oil of bitter almond, whites of two eggs and enough fine oatmeal to make a paste. Apply at night, covering with a piece of soft white linen. Four or five applications will bleach your neck to a satiny whiteness.

Mrs. S. of Va.—Certainly you are not too old to take up physical culture. It will probably do you good.

M. M. X., Doty, Flossie and others.—You must keep your scalp protected with oil and the hair will not split so readily. Also do not rat or rough it. Cut split ends off with scissors. Use this pomade: White vaseline, three ounces; Castor oil (cold drawn), one and one half ounces; Galleic acid, one and three fourths drams; oil of lavender, thirty drops. Rub this into the scalp for twenty minutes every night, and your hair will soon cease falling and new hairs will begin to grow.

Blossom, Anxious.—Don't marry a man who drinks. You'll be sorry if you do. Also you are too young to think about it yet. Wear your hair parted in front and your back hair rolled into puffs which should be pinned in a fluffy mass at the crown of your head. This style is suitable for a girl of sixteen or seventeen.

E. F. Illinois, Maria, Doty.—Yes, lemon juice used on the face to remove freckles will probably make your skin sensitive. Yes, your hair is a very pretty shade of red. You can wave your hair beautifully by putting it up on big old curlers every night. Curling iron will ruin the best head of hair.

B. D.—You must not get any of the Amole in your eyes. Yes, what you sent me looked like Amole. I presume you should consult a doctor about your scalp. I don't believe an ordinary tonic would help you. Yellow vaseline is yellow in color.

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Maddy's Temptation

Or. A Heroic Sacrifice

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A few weeks after there came another letter from Agnes, but this time it was to Guy, and its contents darkened his handsome face with anger and vexation. Incidentally Agnes had heard the gossip, and written it to Guy adding in conclusion: "Of course I know it is not true, for even if there were no Lucy Atherstone, you, of all men, would not stoop to Maddy Clyde. I do not presume to advise, but I will say this, that now she is growing a young lady, folks will keep on talking so long as you keep her there in the house, and it's hardly fair towards Lucy."

This was what knotted up Guy's forehead and made him, as Jessie said, "real cross for once." Somehow, he fancied, latterly, that the doctor did not like Maddy's being there, while even Mrs. Noah managed to keep her out of his way as soon as the lessons were ended. What did they mean? What were they afraid of, and why did they presume to interfere with him? He'd know, at all events; and summoning Mrs. Noah to his presence, he read that part of Agnes' letter pertaining to Maddy, and then asked what it meant?

"It means this, that folks are in a constant 'I fall in love with that child!' Guy repeated, worry for fear you'll fall in love with Maddy." Laughing at the idea, and forgetting that he had long since accused the doctor of that very thing, "Yes, you," returned Mrs. Noah, "and 'tain't strange they do. Maddy is not a child; she's nearer sixteen than fifteen, is almost a young lady; and if you'll excuse my boldness, I must say I ain't any too well pleased with the goin's on myself; not that I don't like the girl, for I do, and I don't blame her an atom. She's as innocent as a new-born babe, and I hope she'll always stay so; but you, Mr. Guy, you—now tell me honest—do you think as much of Lucy Atherstone, as you used to, before you took up school-keepin'?"

Guy did not like to be interfered with, and naturally high-spirited, he at first flew into a passion, declaring that he would not have folks meddling with him, that he thought of Lucy Atherstone all the time, and he did not know what more he could do; that 'twas a pity if a man could not enjoy himself in his own way, provided that way were harmless, that he'd never spent so happy a winter as the last; that—

Here Mrs. Noah interrupted him with "That's it, the very it; you want nothing better than to have that 'irl sit close to you when you recites, as she does; and once when she was workin' out some of them pluses and mi-uses, and things, her slate rested on your knee; it did, I saw it with my own eyes; and then, let me ask, when Jessie is drummin' on the piano, why don't you bend over her, and turn the leaves, and count the time, as you do when Maddy plays; and how does it happen that lately Jessie is one too many when you hear Maddy's lessons. She has no suspicious; but I know she ain't sent off for nothin'; I know you'd rather be alone with Maddy Clyde than to have anybody present; isn't it so?"

Guy began to wince. There was much truth in what Mrs. Noah had said. He did devise various methods of getting rid of Jessie, when Maddy was in his library, but it had never looked to him in just the light it did when presented by Mrs. Noah, and he doggedly asked what Mrs. Noah would have him do.

"First and foremost, then, I'd have you tell Maddy yourself that you are engaged to Lucy Atherstone; second, I'd have you write to Lucy all about it, and if you honestly can, tell her that you only care for Maddy as a friend; third, I'd have you send the girl—"

"Not away from Aikenside! I never will!" and Guy sprang to his feet.

The mine had exploded, and for an instant the young man reeled, as he caught a glimpse of where he stood; still he would not believe it, or confess to himself how strong a place in his affections was held by the beautiful girl now no longer a child. It was almost a year since that April afternoon when he first met Maddy Clyde, and from a timid, bashful child, of fourteen and a half, she had grown to the rather tall and rather self-possessed maiden of fifteen and a half, almost sixteen, as Mrs. Noah said, "almost a woman," and as to verify the latter fact, she herself appeared at that very moment, asking permission to come in and find a book, which had been mislaid, and which she needed in hearing Jessie's lessons.

"Certainly, come in," Guy said, and folding his arms he leaned against the mantel, watching her as she hunted for the missing book.

There was no pretense about Maddy Clyde, nothing put on for effect, and yet in every movement she showed marks of great improvement, both in manner and style. Of one hundred people who might glance at her ninety-nine would look a second time, asking who she was. Naturally graceful and utterly self-forgetful, she always appeared to good advantage, and never to better than now, when two pairs of eyes were watching her, as standing on tiptoe, or kneeling upon the floor to look under the secretary, she hunted for the book. Not the remotest suspicion had Maddy of what was occupying the thoughts of her companions, though, as she left the room and glanced brightly up at Guy, it struck her that his face was dark and moody, and a painful sensation flitted through her mind that in some way she had intruded.

"Well," was Mrs. Noah's first comment, as the door closed on Maddy, but as Guy made no response to that, she continued: "She is pretty. That you won't deny."

Guy seemed to talk more to himself than to Mrs. Noah, while his foot kicked the fender, and he mentally compared Lucy and Maddy with each other, and tried to think that it was not the result of that comparison, but rather Mrs. Noah's next remark, which affected him unpleasantly. The remark or remarks were as follows:

"Of course she'll make a splendid woman. Everybody notices her now for her beauty, and that's why you've no business to keep her here where you see her every day. It's a wrong to her, lettin' yourself alone."

Guy looked up, and Mrs. Noah continued: "I've been a girl myself, and I know that Maddy can't be treated as you treat her without its having an effect. I've no idea it's entered her head yet, but it will bimeby, and then good by to her happiness."

"For pity's sake, what do you mean? Do not talk to me in riddles. What have I done to Maddy, or what am I going to do?" Guy spoke sharply.

Coming nearer to him, and lowering her voice, Mrs. Noah replied:

"You are going to teach her to love you, Guy Remington, just as sure as my name is Noah."

"And is that anything so very bad, I'd like to know? Most girls do not find love distasteful, and Guy walked hastily to the window, where he stood for a moment gazing out upon the soft April snow which was falling, and feeling anything but satisfied either with the weather or himself, then walking back, and taking a seat by the fire, he said: "I understand you now. You would save Maddy Clyde from sorrow, and you are right. You know more of girls than I do. She might in time get to—think of me as she ought not. I never looked upon it in this light before. I've been so happy 'ith her—here Guy's voice faltered a little, but he recovered himself and went on: "I will tell her about Lucy tonight, but the sending her away I can't do that. Neither will she be happy to go back where I took her from, for though the best of people, they are not like Maddy, and you know it."

Yes, Mrs. Noah did know it, and pleased that her boy, as she called Guy, had shown some signs of penitence and amendment, she said she did not think it necessary to send Maddy home; she did not advise it either. She liked the girl, and what she advised was this, that Guy should send Maddy and Jessie both to boarding-school.

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"And during the vacations, where must she go then?" Guy asked.

"Go where she pleases, of course. As Jessie is so fond of her, and they are much like sisters, it will not be impossible for her to come here, as I see, provided Agnes is here. Her presence would make a difference," Mrs. Noah replied, while Guy continued:

"I know you are right; that is, I do not wish to do Maddy a harm by placing temptation in her way, neither will I have everybody meddling with my business. I tell you I won't. I don't mean you, for you have a right to say what no one else has," and he glanced half-angrily at Mrs. Noah. "Pity if I can't take an interest in a girl, because I once injured her, without every old woman in Christendom thinking she must needs fall in love with me, and so be ruined for life. Maddy Clyde has too good sense for that, or will have when I tell her about Lucy."

"And you will do so?" Mrs. Noah said.

"Of course I will, and write to Lucy, too, telling her I care no more for Maddy than I do for Jessie."

"And will that be true?" Mrs. Noah asked.

"True? Yes, every word of it."

Mrs. Noah noted all this, and thinking:

"I ought to have took him in hand long ago,"

she came up to him and said kindly, soothingly:

"We shall all miss Maddy; I as much as anyone, but I do think it best for her to go to school; and so, after tea, I'll manage to keep Jessie with me, and send Maddy to you, while you tell her about Lucy and the plan."

Guy nodded a little perking kind of a nod, in token of his assent, and then with that perversity which prompts women particularly to press a subject after enough has been said, Mrs. Noah, as she turned to leave the room, gave vent to the following:

"You know, Guy, as well as I, that pretty and smart as she is, Maddy is really beneath you, and no kind of a match, even if you wasn't as good as married."

Mrs. Noah's last remark awakened in Guy a similar train of thought. Yes, Maddy was his inferior as the world saw matters, and settling himself in the chair he tried to fancy what that same world would say if he should make Maddy

his wife. Of course he had no such intention, he was just imagining something which never could possibly happen, because in the first place he wouldn't marry Maddy Clyde if he could, and he couldn't if he would! Still, it was not an unpleasant occupation fancying what folks, and especially Agnes, would say if he did, and so he sat dreaming about it until the bell rang for supper, when with a nervous start he woke from the reverie, and wishing the whole was over, started for the supper-room.

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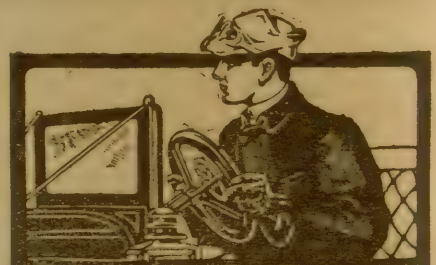
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Riley; Fool

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RILEY paused in the shadow of a corner to watch the surging crowd. Suddenly he saw a swift hand move toward a man's pocket.

"No—I wouldn't," he said quietly.

At his words the girl turned sharply, and he caught sight of a face that burned itself into his brain—a dark pretty face set with shadowy eyes and full of quick fear; then it was gone.

For a moment he stared into the crowd where she had vanished; then recalling himself he started on his way. But as he walked his rounds that evening, clearly in his mind now and then he saw the fearful startled face of the girl look into his; and to save himself he could not drive the vision from his brain.

In the station afterwards, he sat down beside his friend Peters in a quiet corner, and before long he brought up the thing on his mind. "Peters, isn't it a strange thing the way a fellow will see a thing for a moment, and then find it nailed in his brain so that he can't tear it loose?"

Peters looked at him. "Well, what's struck you, Dan, seen' things?"

Frankly as friends will talk, Riley told him. Peters gasped. "Dan, it's a case of love at first sight—phew! one of the best detectives in the force in love with a girl pickpocket—Great Guns! that is some new—"

"Don't get dramatic, Pete."

"Never mind—I've got to go now anyway. But, old chap, don't be a fool and get mixed up in anything like this. There's better men than you and I have gone to their everlasting rest or unrest because of a pair of dark eyes—that is a heavy sentiment, but it's true! Dan—don't—be—a—fool."

As Riley left the station some hours later, he smiled as he recalled the vigor of his friend's "Don't be a fool!"; but as he went on to his boarding house, his thoughts whenever he released them kept jumping back to the incident of the evening. He had turned the corner of a quiet cross street and was swinging along when he noticed someone standing in the shadow of a gateway. With the detective's instinct he watched closely, and slowed up as he approached. The light of a street lamp fell a little on the face as the figure turned and he stopped short—Fate was playing with him—here was the girl of the evening.

"What are you doing here?" he asked quietly.

The dark girl's face turned squarely to him.

"Is it any of your business?" she asked shortly.

The voice was a girl's voice as yet unhardened by the life that seemed to be hers. In it however, was a strained, utterly weary note that his quick ear caught.

"My business?" he repeated. Something in his tone made her look at him closely. With her look seemed to come recognition, for she quailed.

"Please," she almost whispered, "I am simply tired out and stood here to rest—I will go on."

"Can I be of any service?" he found himself asking.

"Service? Why—?" she wavered wondering.

Her hesitation was his opportunity. "Come!" he said, stepping up to her and drawing her hand through his arm, all the while realizing the strangeness of his action, but doing it nevertheless.

"Where is it?" he questioned.

For a moment she resisted, then either thinking it was the wiser plan or because she felt the need of his strength, she let her arm remain, and with a word of direction started with him.

Riley as they went on glanced down at the slim girl beside him, but the broad hat effectually shaded her face save the curve of a small chin and the little close ear. Few words were spoken. He was in constant fear that he might meet one of the station force, and the fear on his mind kept his lips quiet. They took a roundabout way, and as he followed her low-voiced directions, he found himself approaching the part of the city where saloons and other resorts abounded. At the opening into a dark street she stayed him with the pressure of her hand on his arm.

"Here you must leave me—please," she said.

"Don't think too hard of me because of where you leave me—I do not know why you have done this, but I thank you," she paused—"Good by—Dan Riley."

Riley jumped at the sound of his name, but she was gone, her slim graceful figure vanishing into the shadows. He stood silent in his tracks for moments then turned homeward trying to solve the problem of her knowledge of his name.

After that he saw her a number of times, but she gave him only time to catch the fleeting glance of her dark eyes and the vision of her shadowy hair. Afterwards Peters would look at him strangely and strive to get at the matter on his mind, but always would Peters fail.

Then came the day when he called Riley into the private office and told him of the raid they were to make that night on Henson's place, how orders had come from above that the job must be done or someone would be minus a job, that Peters had been charged with it, and he wanted Riley to help.

That afternoon while off duty he saw her enter a flower store across the street, and following her in he went up beside her. She started with a little breathless gasp when she saw who it was, and glanced swiftly beyond him then turned to him. "Riley, you must not be seen with me!"

"Why?" he asked briefly.

The clerk handed her the flowers. Riley reached for them. "Let—"

"No! you must not—listen!" she seemed strangely excited, and he listened. "I left Henson a few stores below—he will kill me if he sees me with you; and I have heard him swear to take your life."

A shock went through him. "Henson!" he repeated. He spoke to the proprietor. "Come in here, I want to—" he said to her.

Under the commanding spell of his words she obeyed even against her strong will, and he shut the door of the private office.

She stood quietly looking up into his face with her wide dark eyes. "What is it?" she questioned.

Riley's face was drawn as he strove to reach a decision. "This—" he began, then the thought of what he was about to do arrested his tongue, but a little struggle and it was all over; and he turned to her. "Tonight—don't be found at Henson's place."

"Oh!" she said sharply—and understood—then: "Why do you tell me?"

"Tell you," he exclaimed, "don't you see why?" He smiled a little, the smile of a man who knows that he has staked all—"why because I love you."

"Oh!" she said again, and a strange light burned in her eyes. "You love me," she repeated—"and you don't even know my name—Dan Riley, you mean that? Oh! but I must not listen!"

The door opened gently. "There's a man just called for you and just stepped out, Miss," the clerk said.

She turned at the door with a swift glance—a glance full of strange meaning and a bit of something else, he knew not what. "Call me Beth," she said, and was gone.

Stupidly cursing himself he left the store. "Fool," he muttered to himself, "yes, a fool and crazy, but—there he stopped."

That night the raid hit Henson's place hard, but the birds had flown; someone had warned them. When it dawned in Peters' mind that it was all over, he turned on Riley savagely.

"Riley! that pickpocket sweetheart of yours stayed here! How under heavens could this have gotten out save through you? We will look into this later; you report at the station—you are under arrest!" Peters' face was gray.

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The man on duty met him. "Hello, Dan, where have you been all this time? There's a call for you to go to the Memorial hospital."

"A what?"

The man repeated it.

In the corridor of the hospital, Peters' familiar voice stayed him, his eyes were smiling. "Dan, I want your pardon for what I said to you. That dark-eyed girl of yours is a jewel—don't

fare up, I'm talking God's truth. Henson's gang got away the first time—that drunk one of our men stumbled over up the street was a fake, he was one of Henson's outposts—he put them wise—not her. But she, when she found out they were going to get away, knew you would think she was the traitor, so she found me, told

me where to find them, and we bagged the whole bunch!" Peters paused, and his face grew serious. "It seems Henson was her brother, and he seemed to know she was the one who gave him away. She is a little hurt—nothing serious—this way if you want to see her. I envy you. One of the chaps we captured said Henson guarded her from everything—for some contemptible end of his own probably. She is all right. Dan, I called you a fool—you aren't, but I wish I were."

Someone opened a door for him, and he stepped in. A voice spoke to him from a white cot in a shadowy corner of the room—a voice with a strange little thrill in it and meaning that set his heart to pounding. A stride carried him across the room, and he gathered her close in his arms.

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tells of an old, old sto-ry, Of dawn from doubt or fear, It points a - far to a gate a - jar

p *f* *mf* *cres.*

Sheds most ra-diant glow, Speaking to hearts of sad-ness, Of sor-row or strife so wild, It calms as a moth-er car-ing O-ver her cra-dle child, It calms as a moth-er car-ing
O-pen wide and clear. It comforts the wea-ry spi-rit, It is heard at the heart of care, So pa-tient-ly, low-ly, wait-ing, Seeking to en-ter there, So pa-tient-ly, low-ly, wait-ing,

cres.

rall. *1* *2* *mf a tempo.* *cres.* *p*

O-ver her cra-dle child. 2. It Un-to that gold-en dawn of light, Press thro' each passing day, And what tho' the sha-dow-land of life Of-fers bare com-fort,
Seek-ing to en-ter (Omit) there.

rall. *1* *2* *mf a tempo.* *cres.* *p*

cres. poco a poco piu animato. *f agitato. ten.*

stay, Those clouds of doubt or sor-row Shall break to a grand sweet song; To Life and love, to that bright land a-bove;

cres. *f agitato. ten.*

ff animato.

And that tri-um-phant Throng. 'Tis the Voice of a lov-ing Sav-iour, Who is call-ing to last-ing

ff animato.

Ped. *Ped.*

con gran forza.

Day, The E-ter-nal Voice of all Com-fort, Would guard and guide all way.

colla voce. *rall.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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been able to send mother a letter for want of a stamp.

A poultice of red clay and vinegar will draw a boil, and take soreness out of a bruise. I know these remedies are good and harmless.

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near Lilly Dale where the Spiritualists hold their summer meetings.

We keep forty cows, eight horses, pigs and almost all kinds of poultry, which of course makes plenty of work. This is a dairy country with small truck gardens near the cities and of course we raise large quantities of all kinds of grain, hay and potatoes, though nothing like the amount they raise in the Western states. Some farmers near the lakes have vineyards where they grow large quantities of grapes which are packed in baskets and shipped to all parts of the country. This industry furnishes work for women, girls and boys mostly, although lots of men work in the vineyards, too.

I like farming, but have lived on one only twelve years, and I think the independent life one leads more than compensates for the hard work and long hours during the summer. In winter the farmer can sit by a good fire without thinking of where tomorrow's provisions are coming from, for his cellar is usually well supplied, and he enjoys life while the man who works by the day must be out in all kinds of storms and severe cold, as well as pleasant weather. We have quite cold winters but the snow does not get very deep late years and the summers are very warm.

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Mrs. O. SHERMAN, Rockville, Nebraska.

DEAR SISTERS:

I have thought so often of writing to this corner, but as I looked over the various letters, feared my con-

tribution would appear too small. But here I am from the new state of Oklahoma; a farmer's wife. It is a fine country and we are situated near Muskogee.

Only a few weeks ago I lost my daughter, a sweet girl nearly grown to womanhood, and I am so lonely. One is left to me and we are companions.

I wish we had some way of telling how many of the sisters are Christians? Our Sunday school superintendent is an Indian and we have a good many full-bloods on our roll. It is beautiful to see them and the pale-face brother worship side by side.

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C. A. PRATT, Muskogee, Okla.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:


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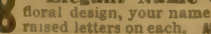
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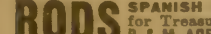
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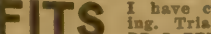
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"I should like to know how that's to be prevented while we are at Brighton, unless I send her to the nunnery, as I purposed."

"Something else must be thought of. I cannot lose her society. And I cannot consent that she shall suffer constraint."

While Dr. Dolor was thus pleading the cause of his eldsh love, a waiter approached and handed him a little note. His face flushed when he saw that it was from Elva. It contained the following flattering proposition: That—as her uncle and her aunt had declined being present at the fancy ball of that evening, and had determined that she should not appear unless escorted by Dr. Dolor—therefore she had decided upon taking a character which would afford him a fitting opportunity of attending her in costume—she should appear as Beauty in the fairy tale of "Beauty and the Beast." Would he, therefore, please to come as the Beast, because it would require so little modification of his usual appearance and manner. If he did not like that, however—would he be Vulcan to her Venus? She offered him the choice; she only wished to please him, she was sure.

Dr. Dolor was not unaccustomed to this style of compliment from the highly provoked and equally provoking fairy. And previous to this day he had received her witty jibes and taunts and sarcasms with a patience and philosophy which was not without some natural dignity. But now his bosom was vulnerable, for his heart was sore with new-felt jealousy—jealousy of the all-praised Ernest Brent. And he felt her shafts keenly. At any time before this, he would have borne his suffering in silence; now stung by jealousy, he cried out bitterly:

"Yes! Beast! Vulcan! Gnome! Goblin! Nightmare! Vampire! Gharra! Griffin! Dragon! Her vocabulary of abuse is inexhaustible, and these are the love-names she calls me by!"

"In the name of all that is horrible, Dolor, what does all you? What the furies are you driving at?" exclaimed the captain, with his great round eyes staring with all their might at his excited companion.

At another time, Dr. Dolor would have concealed the tricks of his eldsh love, and so have shielded her from her uncle's wrath. He passed Elva's little squib of a note to the captain, where it acted like a lighted match thrown into a barrel of gunpowder. The old soldier exploded into fury, and swearing that he would send her to the nunnery, where she should remain until she knew how to behave herself. And as to the fancy ball of that night, she should not appear at it at all, in any character or under any escort whatever. She should, on the contrary, keep her room, where she would have leisure to repent of her wickedness, he said. But for the captain to reckon without Elva in anything that materially concerned herself, was not safe.

It is true he put his threat in execution, and locked her up in her room, and took away the key, lest someone should release her. But Elva laughed at his cunning, and with the point of her scissors, inserted between the lock and the catch, easily turned back the bolt and set herself at liberty.

And that evening, in the midst of the fancy ball, when everybody had seen everybody else, and curiosity was satisfied and the excitement apparently over, a great sensation was created by the sudden rising of a new star, who was announced as the Elfin Princess Maligaa—who never unmasked, but in the course of the evening contrived to set more people by the ears together, and excite more of r's quarrels, and cause more surprises, and panics, and starts and tremors, than had probably ever afflicted anyone night since "the morning and the evening were the first day." And at cock-crow she vanished. No one could have sworn to the identity, but it would have been impossible for Elva to have proved an alibi during the hours passed by the Elfin Princess at the fancy ball.

The next morning she was cited to appear before the family court, and there she was informed of her doom, to be sent to a nunnery for one year.

To the surprise of all, Elva received this sentence with great calmness.

Oh! she was willing to go to the nunnery, certainly! there was nothing she would like better or so well! And so it was settled.

The season at Westburn was now over. The visitors in numbers were leaving. And the family of Elmlea prepared to follow their example.

They returned to the lodgings at Brighton, where they were once more settled by the middle of October. Preparations were then commenced for the outfit of Elva. Her mother wept incessantly at the thought of parting from her darling though wilful child, from whom she had never been separated in her life. Elva sought to comfort her.

"Don't fret, mamma; I'll be back in a week!" she said, mysteriously.

"Not so soon as that, my dear, I know. But, oh! Birdie, I never loved you but you do hope that your conduct will be exemplary that your uncle will soon shorten the term of your imprisonment, and recall you. For I know that if he hears good reports of you from the sisters, he will sacrifice the price of the whole term, and bring you home before it is over; for, with all his faults, he is not stingy."

"No, indeed! And never you mind, mamma, my conduct shall be such that I will return in a week."

"I hope so, indeed, my love; but it will not be quite so soon as that, I fear."

"Oh, mamma, you always fear something! I tell you I shall behave in such a way as to be brought back in a week!"

"Well, my love, may be so; but I fear your old uncle won't trust so sudden a reform as that."

The convent school selected for Elva was situated in a distant, hilly, and highly picturesque county. The day of her departure arrived, and with many tears the members of the family took leave of Elva, who, with ill-suppressed mirth and mischief peeping out from under her downcast eyelids, and out of the corners of her pursed-up lips, entered the carriage with her uncle, and was driven to the station. The afternoon of the second day brought them near their journey's end. At the terminus they took a fly to the nunnery.

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How to Plan the Buying of New Clothes

WHETHER or not we are well-dressed depends more on our choice of color and design, than on the amount of money we spend. Far too familiar a sight is the woman expensively and elaborately dressed, but made most unattractive by her display of bad taste. Compare her with the woman whose clothes show study of her needs and the limitations of her purse. She will be neatly and stylishly dressed with marked individuality.

It is a great mistake to select a material or color that does not harmonize with the clothes you already have, and still another, is to feel that styles are limited to a particular season. If new clothing is selected with the idea of utilizing rather than shelving what was worn last season, your clothes will remain in style until worn out.

All the one-piece dresses are up to date, and those fortunate enough to possess one made from a pretty wool material, need only supply herself with a smart short coat which will either match or be a pleasing contrast in color, to have a stylish and useful costume for general wear. Or, may be your suit of a year ago is adaptable to the slight changes which mark the present styles. Inch-wide bands of silk or velvet are seen on the edges of many of the new coats, an idea which may be utilized in making fresh the edges of a coat somewhat worn. Front openings are deeper, which allow of fresh lapels and doing away with the two top buttonholes, which may be frayed and worn. Bands of silk or velvet, three inches wide are worn at the wrist, which will make new the appearance of the sleeves.

Begin by "taking count of stock." Study your requirements and make a careful estimate of what you can afford to spend before you make a single purchase.

Joining waists and skirts under a belt of same material, or in a different tone, or combining the two tones, will be generally popular. This allows of a great variety of styles to select from, as there are so many beautiful waist models which, when combined with a skirt, make handsome dresses.

The becoming Russian coat and dress promises to be in great favor. I am sure you will all be glad to know this, as it is a style more easily handled at home than those with severe lines. And too, they are adaptable to most any material you may prefer, from the light weight or heavy wools to the silk suitings, heavy cotton or linen.

New Spring Dress Model

For an all-round useful dress, no prettier design could be found than this attractive Ladies' Dress, No. 3220. The three tucks on either side of the waist give the required amount of fullness and a becoming breadth of shoulder to the wearer. The plain panel effect in both waist and skirt, and the deep cuffs are both new features. This model is adaptable to a variety of materials, and especially designed for the home dressmaker. Cut in five sizes, 32 to 40 bust. Size 36 requires six and one half yards 36 inches wide, and if collar is made of silk, one half yard will be necessary.

No. 3211. Effective and up-to-date is this linen waist made with one deep and three shallow tucks at shoulder for required fullness, and front opening of three graduated strap effects under which is sewed a ruffle, made either of embroidery or hemstitched piece of same. The back has a slanting tuck from shoulder to waist with a becoming amount of fullness between tucks. Cut in six sizes, 32 to 42 bust. Size 36 requires two and five eighths yards 36 inches wide.

No. 3150. Another equally stylish shirt-waist is made by distributing the fullness in clusters of three narrow tucks across front with a deeper one over each shoulder extending down the back. Cuffs and collar have bands on either edge of insertion. Instead of the usual plait, the back is buttoned through the center of a deep hem. This waist affords an opportunity of making your own embroidery design. White linen or lawn, plain blue or pink chambray are each effectively embroidered in white. This waist combined with skirt pattern No. 3104 would make a

tasteful one-piece dress joining them with an embroidered belt. This Ladies' Shirt-waist is cut in six sizes, 32 to 42 bust. Size 36 requires two and one quarter yards of 36 inch wide material.

Handsome New Skirt Models

Skirts show new arrangements of plaits and yokes, while the tunic effect will be very fashionable in all materials. On these you can use band trimmings to advantage, and braiding is particularly effective. Those who wish to economize in material, may make the portion under tunic of mercerized cotton of same color. No. 3240 shows an unusually graceful model. In buying this number, you get two skirt patterns, as the under portion is a complete pattern in itself, and may be used for a tailored skirt without the tunic. The tunic, joined to waist design No. 3150, under a girdle, would be extremely handsome made up in a soft cashmere or silk. Trace polka dots in tunic as illustrated, and the same in waist between clusters of tucks, and embroider with silk to match material, or of a deeper shade. No. 3240 is cut in five sizes—22 to 30 waist measure. Size twenty-six requires six and one eighth yards 42 inches wide.

No. 3104. This neat-fitting Ladies' Nine-gored Skirt is well adapted to wash materials, as the large number of gores will prevent sagging. It is cut in eight sizes, 22 to 36 waist. Width of lower edge in medium size, about four yards. For 26 waist the skirt requires four and one half yards 36 inches wide.

No. 3173 represents a smart tailored skirt which may be made up in any of the serges, chevrons or suitings, to be worn either as a separate, or suit skirt. Cut in six sizes, 22 to 32 waist. Size 26 requires four and three quarters yards 42 inches wide. Width of lower edge in medium size, about four yards.

Two New Models for the Young Miss

A Semi-Princess Dress fashioned after model No. 3214 will give the wearer a graceful, stylish appearance. Like many of the spring designs, it allows of development in either wool, cotton or silk. The collar is becoming and a little unusual with its rounded out effect at top button of waist. If made of silk, rows of braid, stitching, or a half inch bias fold of a contrasting color stitched flat on either side near the edge of collar is a pretty finish. Or if made of linen which may be worn with same, wool or silk, it may be made double with a buttonhole scalloped edge. The let-in side plaits of skirt and pointed belt are becoming features of this unusually pretty dress. Cut in three sizes, 14 to 18 years. Size 16 years requires five and five eighths yards 36 inches wide, and seven eighths yard for collar 20 inches wide.

In the Shirt-waist Dress No. 3222, we have a plainer model, but no less becoming and dainty when made up from pretty gingham, percale or c. h. Also, cotton poplin would make the best kind of a dress for general usefulness fashioned after this design. The cluster of tucks each side of opening, the plain space and deep Gibson tucks at shoulders are features of the new styles in waists. The nobby little pocket at the left side adds a tailored effect, as well as being a convenience. This number includes the neat standing collar pattern as illustrated. Cut in three sizes, 15 to 17 years. Size 15 years requires five yards of material 36 inches wide.

Appropriate Designs for the Little Folks

No. 3238. This simple romper will be welcomed by the busy mother with several little ones to keep neat and clean. Gingham is the best material to use. It may be cut high in the neck, or square, and finished with a bias band. Cut in four sizes, two to eight years. Size four years requires two and one eighth yards 36 inches wide.

No. 3218. Boys' Russian Suit. Nobby and childish is this little suit developed in a fine brown check, with collar and belt in solid color. For spring wear, either galatea or heavy cotton poplin makes practical suits for children to be worn under their wool coats. This model will surely give satisfaction, being simple to make and easily laundered. Cut in four sizes, two to five years. Size three years, made of one material

requires two and seven eighths yards, 36 inches wide.

No. 2945. Girls' Sailor Dress, closing with buttons down the front and having a removable chemisette, is especially suitable for school wear. Mothers will find this pretty little model both simple and satisfactory to develop in any preferred material. If made of a material that does not require frequent washing, it will prove a great saving to make the chemisette of linen or pique which may be freshened as often as necessary. Cut in five sizes, six to 14 years. Size 10 years requires four yards of material 36 inches wide.

No. 3155 presents a pretty and becoming Russian effect, which is as much seen in children's clothes as in those of grown-ups. Wool, poplin, crash or gingham would make up very satisfactorily. This design consists of a one-piece plaited skirt joined to an underwaist, and a separate blouse. Cut in four sizes, eight to 14 years. Size 10 years requires four and three quarters yards 36 inches wide.

Bonnets and Caps for the Children

No. 1840. Children's Bonnets with lining, one in Dutch style with revers and the other shirred. Four sizes, two to five years. The Dutch bonnet will require one half yard of material 20 inches wide, with one and one quarter yards of ribbon for ties. The shirred bonnet needs one and one quarter yards 20 inches wide. The daintiest and most attractive ties for children's bonnets, are made from lawn or muslin, regardless of what material the bonnet is made from, because ribbon ties lose their freshness after being worn a few hours, especially if the child is at the teething age. Have several sets finished with neat inch wide bands, with perfect three day pinch tucks just above. Hemstitching is also pretty, though the freshness of the ties is their real attraction. Both bonnet patterns are included in this number, and mothers will find them very simple to make when the pattern is examined. No prettier bonnet is made for children, than the perfectly plain one without even the revers.

No. 2707. Children's Scotch, Tam O'Shanter and Russian caps. Five sizes, two to six years. The Scotch cap requires one eighth yard of plain cloth 22 inches wide, and three eighths yard of plaid material 22 inches wide; or, the cap is equally pretty made from one material, and if so made would require one half yard. The Tam O'Shanter needs five eighths yard 13½ or more inches wide. The three patterns are included in this number.

Infants' Set of One-Piece Garments

No. 3174. Infants' Set of One-Piece Garments, consisting of coat, cap, dress, petticoat, kimona and bib, all in one size. These new, simply made little garments will find favor with all who are interested in infants' garments. Without the close armhole, they are easily put onto the child, require much less time in making and can be laid flat when ironed. In making the dress, if lace is used to simulate yoke, sew on before neck is finished, or without the lace the dress is dainty and pretty. The kimona may be made from flannel and faced flat with wash ribbon or the edges bound and stitched. The coat of cashmere or bedford cord may be in white with bonnet of same. The coat requires three and one quarter yards 36 inches wide, and from the pieces if carefully cut, the bonnet can be made. The petticoat requires two yards 36 inches wide. The dress requires two and one eighth yards 36 inches wide, and the kimona needs one and seven eighths yards 36 inches wide.

Questions Answered

ADVICE.—Without knowing just how your dress is made Mrs. Lee, I cannot advise about changing it. If you will write me fully, and if the dress was cut by Comfort pattern, state the number, and inclose stamp, envelope I will gladly try to assist you. I am pleased that you find the dressmaking department helpful.

HANDKERCHIEF YOKE.—Repair your white lawn waist which is worn about the neck Miss Ames, by using a lawn handkerchief with a fine scalloped edge for a yoke. In order to do this properly, you should remove sleeves and rip up the underarm seams so the waist may be laid flat on your table. Baste on handkerchief, bringing a corner in front, one over each shoulder and the fourth at center back where it will open. Cut out neck, sew edge to waist and then cut away underneath. Should you have any fullness about the neck, take it up in a fine dart at about where the shoulder seam would come.

MAKING OVER SUIT.—Yes, Mrs. St. Claire, it is often difficult to know just what to do with a partly worn summer suit. I recently saw a very clever piece of work where a plain twenty-six inch coat and plaited

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3150—LADIES' SHIRT-WAIST, six sizes, 32 to 42.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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lonely place, hoping it would be a benefit to mamma. It is very lonely here for us. We have no near neighbors and see very few people except those who pass on the train. I do the housework and wait on the little ones and mamma. There are six of us children. I am the oldest girl and my sister next in age is going away to school. My brother who is older than I am is already away at work. Can any of the Comfort sisters send me some flower seeds?

I am not a shut-in, am not even sick but very lonely here. So I would be glad if the sisters and cousins would give me a letter party on April 15th. SALLIE L. WYNNE, Burgess, Va.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: Do please excuse me for intruding but I must try to write just this once. I have been a silent, but always an interested reader of COMFORT for several years, but since reading the March number of COMFORT I will just try to write anyway, and tell you how I enjoyed it. I was expecting something extra for the household number, but goodness! Wasn't I delightedly surprised? It was just too good for anything. That one number was worth a year's subscription, wasn't it sisters? I would pay twenty-five cents a copy for it before I would think of doing without it.

Dear Mrs. Fannie Henley. I extend to you my sincere sympathy, and I am sure you have the sympathy of all of COMFORT's readers. Will not Mrs. Mallet, Mrs. Aimee Barlow and Miss Emrich come again? I am sure we all enjoyed your letters.

Here, I would like to say I agree with Sister Barlow concerning California. It isn't all it's supposed to be, by a great deal. I note Mrs. S. M. Hollingsworth in March COMFORT seemed rather upset about what Sister Barlow said about California, but cheer up Sister Hollingsworth, lots of folks are cranks about the state they live in. For me, I would take New Mexico any day in preference to California. We went to Arizona last summer for our vacation and I had my choice of places to go to, return to New Mexico or go to California. I have relatives in Los Angeles, Cal., that isn't very far from you. They have been there nineteen years and ought to know the country pretty well and they don't think it anything extra. They own their property and are about as well off as most of the folks. They are always complaining about it being so awful hot, or about some of them being sick with colds. They live fifteen miles from the coast.

I assure you Sister H. that just as many Eastern people own their homes as do in California. With just lots of love to all the sisters, Mrs. Wilkinson, Uncle Charlie, the cousins and all, I remain your COMFORT sister.

M. G. AYERS, Carrizozo, N. Mex.

Notice

DEAR EDITOR: Some months ago I wrote asking you to announce in your paper the death of my daughter, Kyle Ward. My reason for asking this favor was because, through letters in your paper, she had made many friends who were very good to her, sending reading matter and many other gifts to help her pass away the tedious days of her long illness. I have written to all friends whose address I could find, but there are some yet who continue to send different things for Kyle; so will you please tell them through your paper that she is not here now, and please extend to all, my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness shown her, and especially I would thank whoever sent "The Christian Herald," "The Woman's Home Companion" and "Martha Shoemaker." With best wishes, MRS. LOLA V. WARD, Jamestown, N. C.

Mrs. Ward. You have our sympathy in your bereavement, and we print your letter as requested, bearing the sad tidings of your daughter's death to the COMFORT sisters who have shown such a kindly interest in her.

Letters of Thanks

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: Sometime ago I wrote to you, asking for quilt pieces. Now through the columns of COMFORT I want to thank all who so generously responded to my request. This is all the work I can do, it is even difficult for me to write very much. I want to especially thank the sister who sent me the nice apron. I will enjoy wearing it. I remain in my chair all the time. It is twenty years since I have risen on my feet, rheumatism having made my legs useless. I am growing worse, but as I am sixty-five years old, I won't suffer much longer. May God's will be done. I had no idea there were so many invalids in our land until I read of it in COMFORT. I would send in my name for a wheel chair, did I not see so many young people who need them. I can do better without one than they, and it always makes me very happy to read of a young person getting a chair. I read Christian papers as well as other magazines, but COMFORT is doing the best work of all, and I hope to take it as long as I live. Wishing COMFORT a long life, and hoping it may hold faithful with the Christian work it is doing, I remain a true wisher, S. C. GRIFFIN, Cushman, Ark.

Mrs. Griffin. Your brave, patient struggle comes from a heart that is strong and generous. May God's blessings rest upon you, making your last years more peaceful.

DEAR SISTERS: May God bless you all for your kindness to me. Your beautiful letters and little gifts are greatly prized and always will be. I cannot tell you the amount of pleasure they carry to the shut-ins. May God bless them all in my prayer. I can only write a little at a time, but I send love and best wishes to COMFORT, the sisters, cousins and Uncle Charlie. Most sincerely I thank you again. MRS. MARTIN DODSON, Browning, Mo.

DEAR SISTERS: I wish to thank you for the many letters and postcards. Also Mrs. Scriber for religious paper, and Miss I. Rawling for a one year's subscription. MRS. BIRDIE B. MILLION, Birdell, Ark.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: I want to thank all who so kindly wrote me. In all I received four hundred and fifty letters and ninety-five postcards, besides so much reading—papers and books. I tried to answer as many as sent stamps, but I have been in bed for eleven weeks. I grew so sick, and suffered so much we had the doctor who said I had inflammation of the bladder which had become chronic. He said possibly he could cure me. I also received many quilt pieces and other remembrances at Christmas time. I thank you all again. MRS. HATTIE WHITTET, Wabedo, Minn.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS: Through dear old COMFORT I wish to thank all who have sent me letters during the last twelve months. There were a great many, some containing remedies which I have tried, and others I could not, being unable to buy them. For the last few months I have been in better health. MRS. MYRTLE WELDON, Lafayette, Ala.

Requests

Mrs. D. Svendsen, St. Simon Station, Brunswick, Ga., would like personal letters regarding Spikenard tea, its uses, etc.

Mrs. A. Williams, Box 23, Lacombe, Alta, Can., asks COMFORT readers to send her back numbers of magazines as she lives far away and cannot take many.

Will Mrs. Cora Cooper Rogers of Montana, send her full address to Mrs. O. A. Rogers of Roosevelt, Gila Co., Ariz.?

Mrs. M. L. Mallicoat, Tarkia, Mo., would like to hear from folks living on either the California or Florida coast. Also would like pattern for closely crocheted bedspread sent direct to her.

Mrs. Nomie Gibbs, Mandrake, Ky., wants to correspond with sisters living in Arkansas.

Mrs. John Wallace, Box 11, Solway, Minn., would like to hear from people living in Alaska and the interior of British Columbia, also the country in New Mexico. Will answer all letters.

Mrs. Jim Long, Round Rock, Texas, would like to hear from sisters on her birthday, June 9th. She was born in 1866, and if any sister is of the same age, would like to correspond with her.

Mrs. L. A. Belflower, Ladonia, Texas, would like letter party on May first, her twenty-second birthday.

Mrs. Martha Raschke, Paige, Texas, would like letter party on May 7th, her thirty-second birthday.

Mrs. M. A. Gallender, Serena, La., will send flower seeds from her own garden to all sisters who send postage for same, she not being able to do so.



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Mrs. M. R. would like two old-time recipes called "Roley-Poley" an English pudding, and "Apple Dimpings."

Mrs. H. F. Freeman, Elida, E. D. 2, N. Mex., would like to correspond with sisters who can tell her something about making hair switches from combs.

Mrs. Lou M. McGee, Gage, E. D. 21, Okla., will be twenty-one years old April 18th, and would like a letter shower. How did the sisters who received peach vine seed like the peaches?

Mrs. M. M. Marks, Scio, E. D. 1, Oregon, seventy-five years of age, would like centerpiece or dolly with the embroidery begun, also instructions for finishing.

Miss Belle Snead, Box 11, Stone Mountain, E. D. 2, Ga., would like any size of wool, silk or velvet with name for COMFORT quilt.

Mrs. Hattie L. Hoyt, Countyline, Miss., would like squares of silk or satin six by six inches for COMFORT quilt.

Mrs. Lizzie Cross, Box 73, Oakland, Md., would like wild flower seeds from the far West.

Mrs. Cara Keating, Reform, Ala., would like letter party on 29th of March, her birthday, also quilt pieces or any token of remembrance.

Mrs. Sophia Farnum, 1117 Wells St., Chicago, Ill., wishes to leave city and ask letters from Colorado, Washington and Oregon sisters, telling about their country.

Mrs. Birdie Welland, Box 77, Perryville, R. D. 6, Mo., offers quilt pieces to sister who will write her for them. She would like letter party the fifth of May.

Miss Mel West, Hot Springs, S. Dak., would like song entitled "The Dying Nun."

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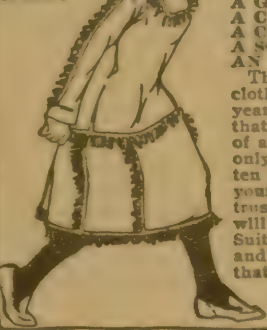
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COUGH; COLIC.—(1) I have a three-year-old draft colt. Last fall he took a cough, falling off in flesh. His hair looks dead. He eats heartily, and drinks an abundance of water, and has no life. (2) I had an aged mare taken sick with the colic. She lived four days. I opened her and took about two buckets of water from her; her liver was yellow. **J. G. A.**—(1) We fear the cough is due to "heaves" which is practically incurable. Wet all food. Feed clean oat straw in place of hay in winter and grass in place of hay in summer. Give half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning after a few smaller doses to get the colt accustomed to the medicine. Do not work him soon after a meal. Feed whole oats and bran. If at any time the cough is extra bad give half to one ounce of glyco-heroin two or three times daily. (2) Dropsy of the sac of the heart is not uncommon in old horses and may be associated with indigestion or be aggravated by an attack of colic. In some instances a foreign body in the stomach may be the cause of the trouble. It is an accidental case and there is no remedy, nor a preventive.

TUBERCULOSIS.—If the Government should test a cow and find her to have tuberculosis would they kill her immediately, and would the calf of a tuberculous cow inherit the germs? **Mrs. A. B. W.** **A.**—When a cow is tested with tuberculin and found to have tuberculosis the authorities act according to law and that varies according to the state in which the test is made. It seldom happens to know the law in your state. Usually, however, the cow is condemned and is slaughtered soon after under government inspection and if the disease has advanced far the meat is condemned. Sometimes the disease is slight and in that case the meat may be used and the returns go to the state. If the state has paid an appraisal value for the animal. Write to the veterinarian of your state. The disease is not spread to the calf unless it sucks the cow's milk and the udder happens to be diseased.

WEAK STIFLE.—I have a colt eight months old; at his birth he was lame in his left hind leg, having a slight enlargement on his stifle joint. When he moves his leg you can hear the joint fly out of place. He is not lame at present. **W. S.** **A.**—The patella (knee cap) of stifle slips out and in from weakness of the ligaments and muscles of the joint. Treat by painting the part with tincture of iodine twice a week or rubbing with iodine ointment two or three times a week. When the skin becomes sore stop using the medicine for a time, but repeat later, if necessary, as soon as the skin has recovered.

CHRONIC SORES.—I have a mare eight years old which has a sore on the side of her upper lip about the size of a silver dollar. It seems to extend out a little. It will scab over, remaining so for a few days, then it cracks in several places and bleeds and becomes a fresh, raw bloody-looking sore. She has one on her jaw bone on the same side of her face, and still another directly under the jaw; she works, has good life and seems to eat food with a relish. **Mrs. C. F. A.**—Unfortunately these sores strongly suggest cancer that we must pronounce them unpromising. After cleansing each thoroughly for removal of scabs and scales paint once daily with tincture of iodine in sufficient quantity to just wet the sore and not the sound skin around the part. If they happen to be due to a parasitic vegetable (ringworm) this will cure them; if cancerous they will continue to act as you have described and in that case they should be lightly rubbed with lunar caustic twice a week and if that does not avail them we would rub once very lightly with a very little powdered yellow sulphur of arsenic. Before using these strong caustics rub lard around the sore.

LUMP IN CHEEK.—I have a horse five years old that has a hard lump on the right side of cheek bone; it hurts him when he eats. **A.**—Examine the teeth carefully. One of them may have been split and forced against the cheek. In that case it will have to be extracted by the veterinary dentist. If the lump is opposite the upper teeth (molars) and near the front it may be a salivary calculus (stone) in the salivary duct and may be squeezed into the mouth or require an operation for its removal through the mouth. In cases such as you describe we often find a collection of grain or other food tightly wedged between the cheek and a diseased tooth. In such cases there is a bad odor present.

FITS.—We had a pup; one morning he was stiff and acted as though he was crazy. He would run around in a circle till he would fall down, he would lie a little while then get up and start over again. He slobbered, and would not eat. **Mrs. F. T.** **A.**—Worms were the probable cause of the fits which led to the running in a circle. The pup on our part had a full dose of physic and worm medicine, such as often has been prescribed in this department of the paper. At time of having a fit bromide of potash should be given in twenty to thirty grain dose every twenty to thirty minutes according to size of dog and severity of symptoms.

INJURED TENDONS.—I have a two-year-old colt that sustained a severe cut just above the fetlock, severing the main stays of the right hind leg, and was broken down for weeks, but is now almost back to normal; except when she trots there is some limping and giving. There is a very large lump left where cut, and rather soft. Could this be removed? **F. O. K.** **A.**—It would be best if possible to have the injured tendons line-fried and blistered by a graduate veterinarian and it may be necessary to repeat the treatment in six weeks or so, if the first treatment does not suffice. If this cannot be done clip off the hair and blister the tendons from hock down to the foot with cerate of cantharides, twice a month, unless the skin is too sore, until the foot comes down normally and lameness subsides. The action of the foot may never be quite normal, but a fair recovery should be possible.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Can you tell me what is the matter with my cow? Her breath is short and when she is eating or drinking water she acts like a broken-winded horse. Her milk is rich. In it fit to use? She eats eight quarts of shorts a day and is in perfect health. **A.**—We do not feel justified in prescribing treatment in such a case as the symptoms strongly point to tuberculosis (bovine consumption) as the disease present and in that case it cannot be cured and the milk would be dangerous for human use. To settle the matter have the cow tested with tuberculin. You can have this done by anyone who has taken a veterinary or agricultural course at a reputable college or university. If there is no local graduate veterinarian possible you can have the work done by the State Veterinarian or the veterinarian of the agricultural experiment station.

COUGH, SWEENEY.—(1) I have a six-year-old horse that has had a cough for at least two years and may have had before I got him. He has phlegm in his throat and tries to cough it up. (2) He shall I treat a horse that has a sweeny? **E. B. M.** **A.**—(1) For chronic cough wet all food and give half to one ounce of glyco-heroin two or three times daily as found necessary. This is a fine medicine for cough. If the cough is accompanied by "heaving" of the flanks and passage of gas from the rectum, indicating "heaves" half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic administered night and morning will relieve the distress, but the disease is incurable. Avoid all dusty food and keep the stable free from irritating gases due to bad ventilation and festering manure and urine. (2) Shake together equal quantities of turpentine and raw linseed oil and rub wanted parts with this once or twice daily until the skin becomes irri-

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tated, then stop for a time, but repeat when skin will stand it. Use friction in rubbing in the liniment. Also try to pull the skin away from the underlying tissues. Give the horse lots of exercise or work him in a breast collar.

PARTIAL PARALYSIS.—I have a mare that I have been using all the time and was in good condition. About seven weeks ago I drove her with another horse hitched to a buggy twenty miles in four hours. When taken to water after the journey she could not drink and did not want to eat. But in a day or so drank all right. The left eye seems affected. Her tongue has something to do with her eating. **Mrs. J. E. B.**

A.—There is partial paralysis affecting the nerves of the face and this may have come from pressure or bruising caused by a badly fitted bridle. Usually chances of recovery are slim. Some benefit may come from blistering the poll of head with cerate of cantharides; sometimes the cheek also is included in the blistering, but great care must be taken not to get the blister in the eye. Also give fluid extract of nuxvomica in dram doses night and morning in water. If at any time this medicine seems to cause involuntary twitching of the muscles stop it for a time, but repeat later if necessary. As soon as benefit is seen cut the nuxvomica dose in half and give in addition a tablespoonful of Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning.

INDIGESTION.—I have a four-year-old mare colt. Her legs swell. I work her a little every day and I feed what I call soft feed, molasses and bran mash night and night. Bran and ground oats and cut hay and straw mixed and stock food but it does not help her any. When I work her the swelling goes down. **C. W. A.**—Stop feeding bran mashes, ground food, cut hay and stock food. Substitute sound oats, four parts and dry bran, one part. Feed this night and morning and give some old, hard ears of corn at noon. Feed once a day. Allow one pound each of hay and grain and bran mixture to each hundred pounds of live weight as the day's ration and allow the ears of corn extra in cold weather. Give the drinking water before feeding. Allow the filly a box stall in stable and work or exercise every day. Bandage the legs from feet to knees after a thorough hand rubbing. Do not allow bandages to remain in place longer than six hours at a time. Always rub the legs well before putting on the bandages again. Never allow filly to stand a single day without exercise. Allow free access to rock salt. If trouble continues mix in feed night and morning for ten days a mixture of equal parts of powders of saltpeter, nuxvomica, dried sulphate of iron, gentian root and fenugreek.

DISORDERED Molar TOOTH.—My driving mare has a bad breath. She slobbers, spits her food out after biting it off, as if she couldn't swallow it. She is six years old. **Mrs. L. E. G.** **A.**—Examination of the mouth will doubtless show that a molar tooth has been split or has become diseased and will have to be removed by a veterinary dentist. Sometimes the bad smell and discharge are due to the lodging of a stick, wad of fodder or other foreign body between the teeth and cheek; or there may be a milk tooth crown (molar) lodged between teeth and tongue. It is a case that should be readily curable by removal of the cause.

SWELLING.—I have a mare four years old. I bought her last fall. Three weeks afterward I noticed that she had a swelling under her belly; it is about fourteen inches long, twelve inches wide, one inch deep. **Mrs. S. S. S.** **A.**—The swelling is dropsical and comes from not allowing sufficient work or exercise every day. Work the horse daily or at least give abundance of exercise out doors every day.

TAPEWORM.—I have a little rat terrier; he will not eat for three or four meals, then he gets sick and has cramps and lies on his stomach. When he drinks water or eats it seems to hurt him. He has symptoms of worms. **Mrs. H. M. B.** **A.**—Tape and possibly other worms are present and the cause of the acute attacks of indigestion described. It is not a liver disease. Treat as follows: Starve the dog for eighteen hours; then weigh him and give one and one half grains of freshly powdered areca water for each pound of live weight. Follow in a few hours with a dose of castor oil shaken up in milk. The areca nut powder is best given in sweetened, warm milk or cream. Another good medicine for small dogs is santonin, one grain; milk, sugar, three grains. Give this once daily in morning until the worms come away. The treatment has to be repeated a month or two as worms hatch out again from water and food taken by the dog. In a case such as you describe the dog is apt to die suddenly at any time.

BROKEN WIND.—I have a twelve-hundred lb. and mare sixteen years old, has raised several colts and is in foal now. Last fall she was taken with a cough and began to discharge from nostrils. We doctored her for distemper and turned her in pasture. She soon stopped discharging and coughed but little and I put her to work; but she began to cough worse so I turned her out again. About a month ago she began to breathe hard as though the air passage of her head and throat or both were obstructed. Her throat is not swollen and never has been. Her heavy breathing is worse when feeding or extra exertion. She coughs occasionally when eating. She has spells of short duration that she seems greatly choked up, paws and struggles for breath. Have kept her in stall nights and all cold and stormy days. **G. W. W.**

A.—It is possible that there is a tumor (polypus) in one of her nostrils and that it causes both cough and difficult breathing. In that case a veterinarian might operate with success, but home treatment would

not avail. Give her half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic night and morning until you can have the examination made by an expert and also wet all food. If the cough persists add half an ounce of glyco-heroin to the two doses of arsenic solution and also give the glyco-heroin at noon.

ASCITES.—I have a young mare coming three years old, she is a very gentle, well broken to single or double harness and a good puller. She has a large stomach. She does not crib at all, she seems hide bound, and does not get fat on the feed she gets. I fed her regularly, giving her a mixed feed twice a day and corn and oats for dinner. She does not have the life a young mare should have. **Mrs. E. C. B.** **A.**—We fear this is a case of ascites (dropsy of the abdomen) and this is incurable. It usually is associated with disease of the liver, heart or kidneys or all three of them at the same time. We take it for granted, of course, that the mare is not in foal.

COUGH.—I have a small male dog, part Beagle and Rat Terrier, about six or seven years old. Last August he fell out of the buggy and was run over. He could not step up on anything six inches off of the ground for nearly a week and after that he had a slight cough. In October we gave him a piece of beef steak which had a small bone in it, which he swallowed. The bone was three cornered and not over three quarters of an inch in the widest place. The last few days his cough is worse, especially when he moves. Does the bone cause the cough? **Mrs. E. B. A.**—Dogs digest bones readily and the one referred to has long since dissolved or passed away. It may quite likely have injured the throat in swallowing and that would explain the cough. For the cough give glyco-heroin which you can buy at any drug store. The dose averages a teaspoonful for a small dog, but it may be lessened or increased according to size of animal and given until it relieves the irritation present. Another very possible cause of such a cough, and one for which we cannot prescribe treatment, would be a broken rib or bent in rib pressing upon the pleura or lung. That might have come from the running over of the dog. The medicine prescribed might prove soothing even in such a condition as that.

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Good Old Songs We All Love

By special request from many of our readers we print the words of a few songs and will continue to do so each month as space allows. We invite our readers to send in the words of popular old songs which they think would please our six millions of readers. In copying, give each line of poetry a line by itself, do not run it in, as though solid. Please write on one side of paper only.

Songs Requested

The words to the following song were requested by and sent in by Mrs. W. J. Weaver, New Brighton, Pa.

The Old Cabin Home

I am going far away,
Far away to leave you now,
To do Mississippi river I am going,
I will take my old banjo
And I'll sing this little song
Away down in my old cabin home.

CHORUS.

Here is my old cabin home,
Here is my sister and my brother,
Here lies my wife, de joy of my life,
And my child in de grave with its mother.

I am going to leave this land,
With dis our ducky band,
To travel all dis wide world o'er;
And when I get tired,
I will settle down to rest,
Away down in my old cabin home.

CHORUS.

When old age comes on
And my hair is turning gray,
I will hang up de banjo all alone;
I'll sit down by the fire
And I'll pass de time away,
Away down in my old cabin home.

CHORUS.

'Tis dere where I roam,
Away down on de old farm,
Where all de darkies are free,
Oh! merrily sound de banjo,
For de white folks round de room,
Away down in my old cabin home.

CHORUS.

Tested Recipes from Comfort Sisters

The writer's name or initials will appear at the end of one or more of the recipes.—Editor.

Dried Apple Cake

Two cups of dried apples soaked overnight. Chop fine and add two cups of sugar, one quarter of a teaspoonful each of nutmeg, cloves, cinnamon. Stir and cook until thick over slow fire. Cool and add two thirds of a cup of butter, two eggs, one third cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda and two cups of flour.

Swedish Toast

One pint of milk, one cup of sugar, one yeast cake, two eggs, one cup currants, one third teaspoonful of soda, and flour. Knead over night and knead as yeast bread. Rise again and make into sheets and sugar. Let rise and bake. Nice for children's luncheons.

French Mustard

One egg, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, four tablespoonfuls mustard. Beat together and add one cup of vinegar and cook until thick, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Mrs. FLORENCE DARROW.

Old-Fashioned Pancakes

These are fried like doughnuts. One cup of milk, one egg, a pinch of salt, one third cup of molasses, one half a teaspoonful of soda, one half cup of bread flour and rye meal enough to make a stiff batter. Drop from a spoon into hot lard and fry. These are extra nice for supper. Just try them some cold night and see for yourself. Mrs. N. F.

Jelly Roll

To four eggs beaten very light, add one cup of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of sweet milk and beat again. Add sifted together one cup of flour and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Flavor to taste. Spread very thin on long shallow tin and bake in a moderate oven. Spread with jelly while warm and roll. Mrs. ALICE GARRISON.

Bran Muffins

Two cups of bran, two thirds cup of flour, two even tablespoonfuls of sugar, one half teaspoonful of salt, one even teaspoonful of soda, two even teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one cup and a quarter of milk, one egg. Mix the dry ingredients together, add egg well beaten to milk and stir all together thoroughly, and lastly add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Put in hot muffin pan and bake in hot oven. This makes twelve muffins. Bran is the coarse part of graham or the dark part of wheat. The eating of these muffins twice a day (taking no white bread) will cure many cases of constipation and indigestion. They are delicious and highly recommended by physicians. I wish the sisters would try them and write the corner about the result. E. KING.

Western Sponge Cake

One half cup of sugar, two well beaten eggs, one half cup of flour, one small teaspoonful of baking powder, two tablespoonfuls of cold water added last.

Western Soft Gingerbread

One half cup of molasses, one half cup of sugar, one egg, one tablespoonful of butter, one half cup of very sour milk or buttermilk, one and one half cups of flour, one small teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of sugar.

Western Raised Doughnuts

Two cups of bread sponge, one half cup of lard, one egg, beaten, one half cup of sugar, one teaspoonful of nutmeg, salt. Work like raised bread, letting it rise twice, then again on floured board, and if in one hour it is light, fry in hot fat made from equal parts of lard and suet. Mrs. L. A. WILLIAMS.

Yeast Recipe

Pare three good-sized potatoes, slice thin and boil in two quarts of water. When done, drain off the water and mash potatoes. Add one half cup of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of salt and the water you drained off. Set to cool and when lukewarm, a yeast cake that has soaked in a cup of warm water. It is well to let yeast stand in warm place overnight. Save a quart jar two thirds full to start your next yeast with, keeping it in the cellar. This takes the place of the yeast cake. Your first bread will not be as good as the second lot on account of starting the yeast with yeast cake. Mrs. J. W. WRIGHT.

Checkerboard Cake

DARK PART.—Thoroughly beat the yolks of four eggs and add one cup of brown sugar and one half cup of butter, one half cup of milk, two and one half cups of flour, mixed with one teaspoonful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of cloves, allspice and cinnamon.

LIGHT PART.—Thoroughly beat whites of four eggs and add one cup of granulated sugar, one half cup of butter, one half cup of milk, one teaspoonful of lemon extract, two and one half cups of flour mixed with one teaspoonful of baking powder. Mrs. L. M. BULLER.

Old-fashioned Pumpkin Butter

Lay two or three pumpkins out to freeze. Cook and squeeze out the juice. This you boil down to one quart, add about a quart of sugar, stew and thicken like apple butter. Flavor to taste. GESSIE COBBAGE.

Cream Puffs

Let one cup of water and one half cup of butter come to a boil, then sift in slowly one cup of flour, stirring constantly. Keep boiling till flour is all in, then set back and when it is cold, add three well-beaten eggs. Have gum paste very hot and do not grease. Deep in batter which will make twelve puffs. Put into warm oven and have good fire so heat will

increase. Bake one half hour and do not open the oven door until time is up.

FILLING.—One cup milk, one tablespoonful of corn starch, one egg, sweeten and flavor to taste. Cook until thick. Whipped cream also makes a nice filling when puffs are to be served immediately. Mrs. JOHN GERRY.

Creamed Beets

Boil six or eight young beets until tender, then slice. Make a sauce by smoothing one tablespoonful of butter with one of flour. Add teacup of milk and cook. Pepper and salt and pour over beets and set in the oven. Serve hot.

Hot Pickled Beets

Cover sliced cooked beets with equal parts of vinegar and olive oil, pepper and salt. Bake in quick oven half an hour. Mrs. A. BAKER.

Choice Salt Rising Bread

Into one quart of boiling hot water stir two tablespoonfuls corn meal, add one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, and two large grated raw Irish potatoes. Let stand in warm place overnight, and in the morning add one pint of warm water and thicken to stiff batter with flour. Set in pan of warm water. Keep warm and when light and full of bubbles have flour ready. Make hole in center and pour in one pint of scalding milk; mix into soft dough and add one quart of warm water, the light sponge and one level tablespoonful salt. Mix dough and mold in loaves same as yeast bread. I make dough rather stiff. Place in pans and bake when light. This is the most delicious salt rising bread I ever tasted. I got this recipe out of the Cincinnati Enquirer years ago. ELIZABETH ROWLAND.

Missing Relatives and Friends

At the request of many readers we restored our popular Missing Relative department one year ago. Through this department, when previously appearing, we brought together many relatives and dear ones, and shall hope for the same happy result in the future.

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Pearl Dwyer last heard of at El Reno, Okla., March, 1908. Dark eyes and hair. Six feet tall, thirty-five years old. Anyone knowing whereabouts please write his mother, Mrs. Mattie J. Dwyer, Leola, So. Dak.

Mr. W. M. Hazen, Blaine, Wash. Anxious to learn whereabouts of brother Willie. Last seen in Fond Du Lac, in 1880 was then two years old. Lived with family by name of Skimmynhorn, whose name he may have taken.

S. V. Logue or Victoria Logue, Whitesville, E. D. S. Ga., anxious to learn whereabouts of Lucy, Henry and James H. Hill or "Little Jim" Hill. Children of Jas. Hill by first wife.

Anyone knowing address of F. D. Lutz or relatives living near Anacoda in 1891. Valuable news, Address B. Bangs, Wilcox, Ariz.

John Tenning (tailor) left Carlisle, England for Austin, Texas, supposed to have left Austin for Oklahoma. Address, Fenton, 221 Chandler St., Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Edna Lewis, Yuba, Wis. wishes to know whereabouts of Loron Lewis, five feet eight inches tall, weight about one hundred and seventy pounds, black eyes and hair, small lump on right temple. Been absent two years, went into Northeastern Wisconsin.

Five dollars for information relating to Charlie E. Sanford's present whereabouts. Last heard of four years ago when in Hamilton, Mont. Write to Mrs. Lucy Milburn, Tablow, Ky.

Wanted any information leading to whereabouts of Joe Robinson, when last heard from was at Los Angeles, Cal. Was a member of the Order of Eagles, about thirty years old. Address Mrs. Mary Warrick, Rural Home.

Whereabouts of my nephew, Oscar Oliphant. Young man last heard from in Durand, Mich. Any information of him alive or dead will be appreciated. Address Mrs. Grant Wilson, Box 52, Bloomfield, Ind.

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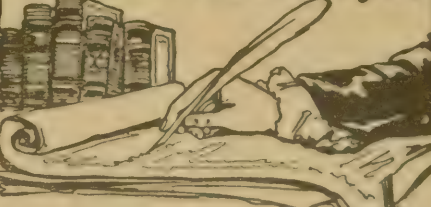
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M. F. B., California.—You should communicate with the Pension Department, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. N., Nevada.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that: upon the death of your husband leaving no will, the entire community property (all property acquired after your marriage, except such as may have been acquired by gift, devise or descent) will go to you as the surviving widow, and the remainder of his estate, one third to you, and the balance in equal shares to his children, by both marriages, the surviving issue of any deceased child, if any, taking its parent's share by right of representation.

N. M., Alabama.—We think you should by all means defend the suit brought against you for the recovery of the property. If the deed of conveyance to you is a full covenant and warranty deed, we think you can file a claim against your grantor's estate for your expense in defending the suit, but, if your deed is not a full covenant and warranty deed, we think, it very questionable as to whether you have any recourse whatever against your grantor's estate.

Mrs. A. M. A., Iowa.—We think it very doubtful that you will be able to recover any portion of the property you mention, but, in case you desire to pursue the matter, you should employ an attorney and have the property located, searches of the title records made and then you will be in a position to commence an action, or actions, against the present holders for its recovery.

Mrs. J. A. B., New Mexico.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that, upon the death of your husband, leaving no will, you will receive in all five eighths of the property acquired in the manner you describe, and that the balance will go to his children in equal shares, the issue of any deceased child taking its parent's share.

Mrs. B. B., Illinois.—We think it will be necessary for you to have some court of competent jurisdiction declare your brother legally dead, and that then you would be in a position to proceed as his heir to recover his property; depending upon circumstances it may be possible that your father's deed conveyed good title of the property to the Railroad Company and that you have no interest in the property even though your brother is dead and left no widow or children.

C. C. K., Ohio.—We think it necessary for the young man you mention to obtain a permit to carry firearms.

S. C., New York.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that, upon the death of a man, leaving no will but leaving a widow and children, his personal property (such property as you describe) would go, one third to the widow and the balance in equal shares to the children, and the persons legally representing such children as are deceased; but that, if he leaves a widow and no descendant or parent, but a brother, sister, nephew or niece, the widow would receive the whole of the personal property if it did not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars; that, if it exceeds this sum, one half and two thousand dollars in addition, the balance going to the brothers, sisters or the legal representative of any such as may be deceased.

C. W. H., New Jersey.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that, if your wife should predecease you, her children by a former marriage would have no interest in your estate, and that, in case she survives you, she would have a dower right of a one third interest for life in your real estate, this real estate upon her death going to your heirs, and not to her children by a former marriage.

Gypsy Maid, Kansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that, upon the death of the man you mention leaving no will and leaving no issue, the whole of the personal property after the payment of his debts would go to his surviving widow.

Mrs. M. J. C., Kansas.—You should be able to obtain the information you desire from the attorney general of your state.

C. H. L., Michigan.—We think it will be necessary for you to have a tax search made in order to find out just how much taxes are due on the land you mention; we think the receiver or collector of taxes is the proper person to whom to pay taxes. In order to get such a deed of the property as you desire, we think it will be necessary for you to locate from the records, or otherwise, the owner of the fee of the property and procure such deed from him.

H. L. B., New York.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion, that the people you mention would have had no remedy against the young woman you mention if she had taken away the child. We also think that at the consent of, or notice to the mother is necessary for the legal adoption of an illegitimate child where the mother's address is known.

Miss E. O. S., New Jersey.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that minors of the age you mention have the privilege of petitioning for the naming of any guardian they may select; whenever the same does not interfere with any testamentary appointment, and that a woman can act as guardian, and that, after the appointment, the guardian, subject to the restrictions prescribed by law, we think, is the proper person to select the investments for the infant's estate, although in many cases, we think, where the guardian is selected by the court, the guardian may be inclined to be guided in the selection of investments by the minor's reasonable requests in regard to the same.

Miss E. G., Canada.—Upon the statement of facts submitted by you to us, we are of the opinion, that you are now a resident of Canada, but that you may resume your residence of the United States at any time and that you have not forfeited your citizenship.

Mrs. McE., Colorado.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion that the fact you mention does not invalidate nor affect the legality of your marriage in any way.

Mrs. H. K., Kansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that, upon the death of your husband, leaving no will, and leaving a child by a former marriage, you would receive one half of his former estate both real and personal, but that the property owned by the estate of his former wife would be owned by her estate and you would only receive your portion of the part of the estate of his former wife which came to him upon her death.

S. C., Pennsylvania.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion that upon your settlement of the bill for lumber you will be entitled to a deduction for the amount of the lumber called for in the estimation which was not supplied, and also a deduction for the lumber taken away by the man from whom you purchased the same.

R. C. T., Mississippi.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion that the woman you mention cannot, at this late day, recover any part of the property you mention.



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H. S., Illinois.—We are of the opinion that the taxes you mention can be collected from any property you may own, but that in our opinion the tax collector would be more likely to enforce its collection through the sale of the property against which the tax is assessed.

A. E. L., Kansas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a woman can convey her own separate property without the consent of her husband, but that she cannot without the consent of her husband in writing dispose of by will more than one half of her estate.

F. S., North Carolina.—You should consult some other lawyer in regard to your divorce matter.

Miss A. D., Oregon.—We think it would be wiser for you to have a written agreement with your publisher; such agreement should provide for your remedy in case the publisher does not live up to his contract.

A. G. W., Ohio.—We think the two young men you mention would be brothers-in-law by marriage.

C. H. McC., Ohio.—Upon your statements to us, we do not think that B. can recover the house; we think he might maintain an action for damages against C, but that it would be difficult for him to recover any amount worth while.

M. H., New York.—Upon your statements to us we are of the following opinion: that, if the terms of the will are such that this son takes a vested remainder interest—and your statements indicate that it is—upon his death, if he dies after his mother (the life tenant), this remainder would go to his widow and his next of kin and heirs at law, if he died intestate (that is, without leaving a will), and if he left a will, to those to whom he gave it; that, if he died before his mother, this remainder would go to these same persons but that they would not be entitled to receive it until the death of the mother; that, however, if this will specifically directs that upon the death of this life tenant this remainder shall go to this son and to certain other persons, the son's wife may be excluded. Under the laws of New York state we think that a "widow" is not an "heir at law." Every will, except the simplest ones, are more or less different, and it is impossible to give an accurate opinion without having the entire will. The trusts set up in many wills are invalid. If you are anxious about this matter, it might be well for you to consult a lawyer.

Mrs. E. N. H., Michigan.—Upon your statements to us, we are of the opinion, that, if the man you mention was never married to the first woman, then the first woman to whom he was married is his legal wife, we think, however, the moral aspect of the case is somewhat different, and that if he never married the woman by whom he raised his family he should have done so, and we pity the woman whose judgment would allow herself, with a knowledge of such a state of facts, to marry him.

J. P. S., Oklahoma.—We are of the opinion, that, if the notes you mention are in the hands of an innocent third party who took them for a valuable consideration, such holder can enforce the collection of the same.

Hassard, Missouri.—We are of the opinion that an action can be maintained and the proper amount of damages recovered from the property of the man you mention, for the cause you mention, provided the statute of limitations has not run; we think that if the young lady is not of age the action will have to be brought by her parent or guardian.

A. W. S., Wisconsin.—We do not think you would be able to recover enough damages for slander from the man you mention to make it advisable to bring such an action. We think such an action would be quite expensive for you, and the chances of recovery either nothing or very small.

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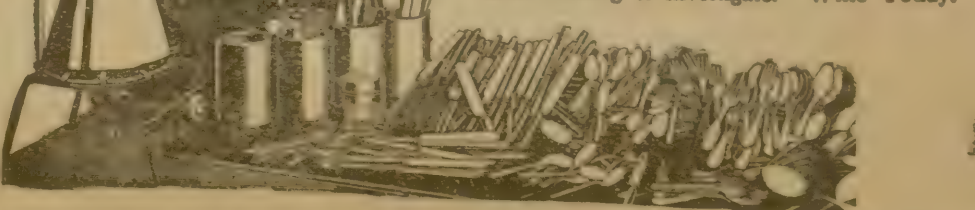
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Sorry Plight of a Modern Knight

By Eugenia Rabbas

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MR. ALFRED KNIGHT was busy with his morning's mail. A faint smile flickered over his face, remained in his eyes as he finished reading one of his letters. "Pretty good," he said to himself, then went over it again more leisurely. This is what he read: "A Knight, who is so modern as to find and restore pocket-books, will probably be modern enough to accept a reward. Perchance had it belonged to some fair maid, the fact alone of aiding beauty in distress might have been a privilege, but so long as it is the very ordinary writer of this note, his Knighthood should not be offended by an offer to share the contents of the purse." Then followed a description of the pocketbook and a dashing signature: "D. Westly."

Mr. "A Knight," had found a pocketbook a few days ago, that contained, besides a considerable sum of money, the owner's name and address, which happened to be an out of town one. The above was in answer to Mr. Knight's note to Mr. Dick Westly, asking him to identify his lost property.

When Knight returned the pocketbook, never for an instant thinking of touching the contents, he enclosed a little note to Mr. Westly asking to hear again from his unknown correspondent, who was so familiar with "Knights."

This was the beginning of what proved to be a delightful interchange between D. Westly and A. Knight.

Knight, although a successful lawyer, was a bit of a dandy, and there was a responsiveness to that trait in his epistolary friend's character, which appealed to him so strongly, that it became habitual for him to talk more freely about himself and his dreams, in his letters to Westly, than he had ever done to anyone else; and so even though they were personally unknown to each other, a strong friendship grew up between them, founded on a similarity of ideas and tastes.

But Dame Fortune thought it time to take a hand in the game herself, so it came about that Mr. Alfred Knight made up his mind to make a trip to Buffalo, partly on business, and partly to surprise a newly found friend, whose letters had created a very endearing personality in his mind.

The first thing on his arrival he ran into Jack Remington, an old friend of his, who invited him to his club for lunch.

"Do you know Dick Westly?" he asked him, when they had settled themselves for a smoke.

"Dick Westly? To be sure I do; and a finer fellow never drew breath," answered Remington.

"Can you tell me where I could reach him at about this time?" inquired Knight.

"He might be at his club, or he might be at home, if you aren't in any particular hurry to see him, wait until this evening. My mother has a reception or something or other on, and both he and his sister will be there."

"His sister?" echoed Knight. "Queer he never mentioned the fact of his having a sister to me," he said, as if to himself.

"That is queer, if you have known him any length of time, for Dick is so proud of his sister, that it would be a bore to listen to him rave over her, if we didn't all agree with him," answered Remington.

Knight looked thoughtful. "I wonder if he avoided mentioning her purposely. I think I'll wait until this evening to see him; although I am not over fond of receptions."

He wouldn't acknowledge, even to himself, that a desire to see the sister as well as Dick, influenced his decision.

Luckily he had brought his dress suit with him, for he expected to dine with an old friend of his mother, who always gave a little dinner in his honor.

Remington called for him to personally conduct him to the scene of festivities, and on the way there Knight told him how he had come to know Dick Westly, and also about their subsequent correspondence.

"I never thought Dick such a devotee to the pen, but I see I have been mistaken," said Remington, adding, "I'll guarantee you'll find him all that you have pictured him."

When they reached their destination, Remington saw that Dick and his sister had already arrived.

"Don't tell me which is Dick," said Knight, "I'll look around and see if I can pick him out from the rest."

But instead of looking for Dick, his eyes lingered on one particular spot, where a winsome little beauty was holding court.

"If you introduce me to any girl at all, please let it be that one in blue," Knight said, indicating her.

"That's Dorothy Westly, Dick's sister," Remington informed him.

Then Knight spied a man who resembled Dorothy. "That's Dick!" he exclaimed.

"That's just who it is! I'll go and tell him you are here," said Remington, starting to cross the room.

"No, don't tell him who I am, just say someone wants to see him," called Knight after him.

A moment later, Remington was steering Westly through the room in Knight's direction. As they approached, Knight felt strangely excited. So this was the man to whom he had confided his thoughts, hopes, and ambitions. He felt as if there must be some subtle understanding between them, which each would feel, when once they were face to face.

But his expectations were not realized. Westly looked inquiringly from one to the other. He seemed agreeably impressed by Knight's appearance, as he keenly surveyed the broad-shouldered distinguished looking stranger, but that was all.

"Mr. Knight from New York," said Remington, evidently thinking that sufficient information for Dick to fall in his friend's neck.

"I'm pleased to meet you, Mr. Knight," said Dick, extending his hand, but with the manner one uses towards an entire stranger.

"There must be some mistake," thought Knight, then he said: "And you are Mr. D. Westly of No. — Delaware Avenue?"

"Your most humble servant," smilingly answered Dick.

Knight tried again, although he felt his friendliness gradually evaporating. "You have never met me, Mr. Westly, but I have had the honor of receiving letters from you," he said, somewhat coldly.

"Letters?" said Dick, then as if trying to remember, "Mr. Knight," he repeated in a puzzled manner, "I hope you'll pardon me, Mr. Knight, but I really can't recall either name or letters." This was too much for Knight. His chagrin changed to contempt. "Oh, well, it doesn't matter. I'll have to be going," he said, turning to Remington.

Westly looked perplexed. "There must be some misunderstanding, Mr. Knight. You evidently have met me before, and are displeased that I should so easily forget you. I will consider it a great favor if you will remind me of the circumstance."

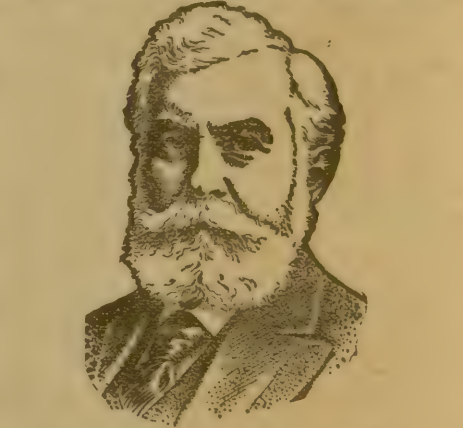
His manner was so sincere, and his regret so genuine, that Knight relented. "I thought that a friendly correspondence of six months' duration, was sufficient acquaintance to place us above mere strangers when we did meet," he said, trying to keep his voice cool and matter-of-fact.

Dick's eyes widened. "I hope you will not think me deplorably stupid, Mr. Knight," he said, "but will you please explain what you mean by a friendly correspondence? There is some mistake here."

Mr. Knight realized the fact also by this time. "I shall be glad to explain, Mr. Westly, for I am as anxious to solve the riddle as you. Some time ago I found a pocketbook in the lobby of the Belmont, which contained the name and address of the owner. I wrote to the address

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Manners and Looks



"Virtue itself offends when coupled with forbidding manners."—Bishop Middleton.

In order to meet the demand for information made by COMFORT readers on the kindred subjects of Etiquette and Personal Appearance, this column will be devoted to them, and all questions will be answered, but no inquirer shall ask more than two questions each month. We would suggest to readers to cut this column out and paste it in a scrap book. Address letters to Etiquette Editor, COMFORT Augusta, Maine.

Puzzle, Manassas, Va.—It is all right to go to dances with young men at night if your parents say you may. But only go with their full consent. (2) Please, of course it isn't proper for you to let a young man hold your hand out on a sofa cushion. But why not let him hold it on top so everybody can see? Again, no, no.

Verne Girl, Seney, Mich.—A girl of fourteen should not receive the attentions of young men whether she is through school or not. It must be a mighty poor school that can't teach a girl anything after she is fourteen.

June Rose, Oronogo, Mo.—Yes make up and be friends again. (2) Well, when he is deeply in love with her and she is deeply in love with him and they have never met, we suppose about the best thing they can do is to rush up and grab each other in utter defiance of all the laws of etiquette. Love is greater than etiquette, anyhow. You have our blessing.

Blue bell, Chabalis, Wash.—When an engagement is broken it is not necessary for the lady part of it to return the ring and other gifts, but as a rule she does, because they are absolutely worthless except as reminders of an unhappy experience. Keep them if you want to. (2) An engaged man may attend dances, etc., without his affianced if she does not object. (3) No rule has ever been put in the etiquette books prescribing how a young man should act in the company of his betrothed. Therefore each may make his own rules, we suppose, though the lady has the veto power if she chooses to exercise it.

Golden Rod, Cove, Ore.—If your gentleman friend—don't call him that any more—is just a little more than friend, you may go to the depot—station is better—with him and may ask him to write to you, though we rather think he won't have to be asked. You need not be so attentive to an ordinary young man visitor. (2) Because the young man who was keeping company with you was merely polite to the lady to whom you introduced him—not her to him, as you say—do you wish to cut his acquaintance? Why should he not take her home, you not being there to go with him? Do you expect to teach him proper politeness by forcing him to be rude to other women? Turn over a new leaf, quick. (3) We believe it is etiquette to accept gifts at graduation—anyhow, flowers and such.

Bella, New York, N. Y.—It would be quite proper to give him a birthday present, though nothing elaborate or expensive.

Western Girl, Central City, Neb.—It is not good form to accept expensive presents from a man to whom you are not engaged. A man of good taste will not offer that kind. (2) Of course, ask for sugar for your coffee if you want it, even though the members of the family at table don't use it. (3) Wear your hair in the most becoming style to you whether it is the fashion or not.

Golden Rod, Howell, Mich.—We believe it is the fashion at coasting parties for the young men to put their arms around the girls to hold them on the sleds. Don't get angry though the young man should forget and squeeze just a teeny bit. If you don't like it, keep off the sled. (2) The sign is, when he squeezes your hand in shaking it, that he rather likes it. Don't you? Don't be too pernickety.

Two Chums, Quincy, Mich.—We don't see any harm in asking the boys of your Sunday school to send you their pictures when you move away, but what do you want with so many? (2) Correspond with whom you please, if your parents do not object and you needn't wait more than fifteen minutes to go with the next fellow if the other one quits.

Reader, Osgood, Ind.—Yes, go to his house with your folks to spend the evening. Don't be too anxious about him, though. That will be too anxious. As he has, according to your count, had thirty girls, do you think you should be so anxious to be the thirty-first? Is he the only young man in Quincy?

J. E. P., Mt. Vernon, Ill.—You don't have to speak to people you meet a second or third or fourth time, on the street, unless you want to, but you will find yourself disliked if you don't. However, if you find it inconvenient don't do it.

Sunshine, Stricklett, Ky.—If the ring he gave you proves to be brass, give it back to him and tell him his love is just as false. That will teach him to be less romantic in future. (2) Girls of eighteen may be less dances if they are out of school. Otherwise, the fewer the better for their books. (3) Encourage him in a dainty, delicious way, but don't throw yourself at him. He ought to know when a girl wants him to go with her.

Clara, New Florence, Pa.—Usually young men don't address a lady at first meeting as "My dear." It might be done as a formal address. (2) You should have done more than the married man who put his arm around you and tried to kiss you. You should have hit him in the face and told his wife. (3) Let your aunt talk against the young man if she wants to, then you marry him to show how little impression her remarks have made upon you. She's a cat, anyhow. Show her this.

Zeak, Pensacola, Fla.—To walk a rail of the track properly we suppose some support is necessary and a girl's arm is probably a little better than anything else we can think of. (2) Yes, it is proper to write to anyone telling him of a surprise party to be given for a friend.

Anxious Clara, Coatesville, Pa.—The young man had no right to ask you whether the ring you wore was an engagement ring. And that, too, the first time he ever met you. We hope you told him it was. (2) Usually the lady does not go calling with a young man the first time she meets him, though she might under certain circumstances.

Schoolgirl, Bay City, Mich.—The napkin is used chiefly for wiping your mouth and fingers while eating. Keep it in your lap during the meal, when not in use and leave it by the side of your plate when through, folded or not, as you please. You can get a book on table and other etiquette from any bookseller. Dozens of such books have been written. Ask which is the best and the price. Reliable ones sell usually at \$1.50.

Two Western Girls, Warren, N. Dak.—Certainly it would not be "unrespectable" for you to wear bloomers at your high school, on the contrary, it is exactly what you ought to do.

C. E. E., Augusta, Wis.—You talk square enough. C. E. and me, we have made a hit with her. But as you say, girls are queer in their ways. Your ages are almost right and she ought to wait five years for you, for her own future good, as she is too young to marry now. Don't push yourself on her, but be continuous in doing thoughtful, kindly little things for her; let her be nice to other young fellows; show her that you are square and trust the rest to Providence. If she starts off loving you, she'll stick; if she doesn't, she cannot, and you might as well quit before you get where it will hurt too much. A woman may marry any man who wants her to, but she can't love any man who wants her to. Better not win her to win her without her love. You have our best wishes for success, because we believe you have the right sort of husband stuff in you.

Blue Eyes, Colville, Wash.—Postcards may be written to most anybody who is respectable. (2) Say anything you please in response to the person saying he is glad to meet you. There is no rule.

Mrs. J. M. G., Parchma, Miss.—As before announced several millions of times in these columns we cannot give immediate answers to inquiries. We hope the

wedding in February was a success and you were the handsomest woman among the many present on the festive occasion.

Mrs. A. J., St. Louis Park, Minn.—A girl may write letters and cards to a man without any thought of becoming engaged to him. But she should not do so if she finds that he is becoming serious. No honorable girl will deceive a man that way. It is all right to tell a man she will not "exchange" rings with him. (2) It would be an excellent thing if young people could and would give each other at least a year of trial as engaged couples before marrying. Sometimes they do and if they make a mistake then it is because they knew better, but don't care to do better. Such deserve all the unhappiness that may come to them. We fancy your country is much ahead of ours in more ways than one.

Blue Eyes, Glenville, Minn.—Do whatever is customary in your community in the wearing of mourning for a cousin. Usually we believe dead cousins don't call for mourning at all unless they have been very closely associated with other kin, or there is some other special reason for it. (2) It was neither nice nor polite for a fellow to kiss a girl unless she wanted him to. Don't let him come near you any more, or he'll do it again, sure. Young fellows are awfully impolite that way.

Cowgirl, Alliance, Neb.—Obdurate fathers are a hard lot, but you mind yours until you are old enough to assume your own responsibility. He means well though he acts kind of silly about being so strict with you.

Inquisitive, Cherokee, Ia.—It is hardly the proper thing for a lady to help a man on with his overcoat in a crowd unless he needs help. (2) If the girl is dear to you and will not "exchange" rings with you, you will have to cut out your life, the girl or your plety. Take your choice. (3) If you write to her three times and get no answer, take fifteen minutes off and kick yourself around the barn three times for being such a mutt as not to take a hint when it is rubbed in like that. Gee, but some of you young fellows do deserve all you get.

Theodora, Mildred, Can.—The girl who waits on the hotel table is not usually introduced to the patrons of the house and when one of them says "Good morning" to her, she should respond as politely. (2) What should a girl do when a young man kisses her unawares? We give it up. What did you do? Really, Theodora, we don't believe a girl is ever kissed unawares.

Brown Jim, Angelica, Wis.—Some authorities insist that a man should use no perfume whatever. We think he should and would recommend lilac toilet water, which is only the suggestion of a perfume and is a delicate odor which is much pleasanter than the smell of old tobacco or coarse laundry soap. But don't take a bath in it. Put a few drops on your handkerchief and clothes and rub a little in the palms of your hands. If you can't get lilac the other odors are all right.

Dreamy Eyes, Lebanon, Tenn.—She should have his picture before he has hers. (2) If she is to see him she has met him it is pleasant to him for her to tell him so. Follow your own feelings a bit, rather than the strict rule of the book.

Troubled Kid, Elizabethtown, Pa.—You acted quite as you should have acted. If that young man had cared a snap of his finger for you, do you imagine that he would have treated you as he has since you exacted the promise from him? Don't spoil your good work by weakening and letting him have his way. (2) Send your card to the young man who sent his to you after the introduction. We think he will know what to do next.

Moonbeam, Webster, N. Y.—A young lady may accept as many invitations from young men as she receives but not all for the same date. How could she and not raise a social riot? (2) A young man is quite justified in inviting another lady after being rejected by one. Some girls like to be in good choice, but the wise girls don't bother about that. (3) For the moment young men prefer the free and easy kind of girls, but for wives or reliable friends, they will choose the other kind.

Brown Eyes, Lincoln, Neb.—Either take the next car, or insist upon paying your own fare. He might have paid it once but he should not do so meeting him as you must every day on your way to work. If he is your sweetheart that makes a difference. (2) Don't condemn the man, and don't set too hard rules against his taking a drink now and then. It is only the excessive use of liquor that hurts, and the sensible man should not be made the victim of rules that apply to fools. If he gets drunk row and then, that is an excessive use and you would do well to shut him out.

Rainbow, Osgood, Iowa.—You deserve to have the young man tell you whether you ever get him or not. But don't set your heart on him. He is rich and you are poor and as like as not he will seek among the rich for his love. But we can tell him right now he will never get one that would be a better wife to him than you. You can't win him, if he doesn't care for you, but perhaps he does, and if he does he will come. He always will come to him in all you can do, but don't push yourself on him. That will take away the charm.

Mrs. J. N. J., Leeds, N. Dak.—Having moved away you become as a newcomer when you return and your old acquaintances should be the first to call.

Wild Rose, Blaine, Kans.—We haven't had much experience in making suggestions for novelties at announcement parties, but at a venture we would say that a big sheet of paper like a circus bill written by some boy who knows how to do legering would almost startle your friends if hung in the room where the parlor. Put your name and his at the top of the sheet in large letters and fill out the balance in any way to suit yourself, of course, making a jolly of it. This may not suit you, but it is novel enough.

Buddy, Charlton, Iowa.—A stamp upside down on a letter or card means that the writer was indifferent how it was on so long as it took the message to its destination.

G. L. Quitman, Ga.—Hope you had a nice Valentine party. See answer above to Mrs. J. M. G., about immediate replies to letters.

Puzzled, Evergreen, Va.—Rules of etiquette do not apply to a girl of sixteen who is in love with a boy of eighteen, one a cabinet-maker and the other a mattress-maker, and both of them love her, so you must work out your own problem without our help. However, we will say that it will be proper to write to both of them, but not love letters. A real love letter may be written to only one person.

Bashtful One, Salamanca, N. Y.—We know of no cure for such a desperate case of bashfulness as your is, unless it be Christian Science. Did you ever try that? If not, do so ere it is too late. If you should pass away in your present condition you would be too bashful to get up when Gabriel blew his trumpet.

Ignorant, Lewisburg, Tenn.—She should take his arm as nearly as possible at the crook of the elbow, though it is good form to let her hand rest on his forearm. (2) It is not correct to say: "This is the Misses Browns, Mr. Smith," but you might say: "Misses Brown, this is Mr. Smith." Never introduce a lady to a man, but a man to a lady. The proper way is to introduce Mr. Smith to the elder Brown girl, as Miss Brown, and to the younger as Miss Jane, or whatever her name happens to be. You know the oldest unmarried sister is the Miss while the others are (CONTINUED ON PAGE 32.)

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Mrs. E. L. N., Mason, Wis.—Possibly if you gave the baby less cream, say, one fifth instead of one third it might be better. Try it, and if the rash continues, you had better look to him. Better spend a little money on him now than a whole lot later. Continue the lime-water, but not too much of it.

J. B. L., Cardenas, N. C.—You should not sleep with your mouth open which is one cause of your husky voice. If you cannot keep your mouth shut by sleeping face down, then put a bandage around your head and jaws tight enough to keep your mouth closed. Practice deep breathing through your nose during the day. You may eat as much as you please if you can digest it without difficulty. Better eat too little than too much.

F. V., Astoria, S. Dak.—Your doctor was quite right, the nitric acid should be diluted. Consult your doctor and have him dilute it to proper strength. You'll burn your throat out if you try doctoring yourself.

Mrs. W. L. A., Mohler, Wash.—We do not have the lady's address.

Will E. M. W., Nasbas, Ia., who told in this column some time ago about reding her weight ten pounds a month on a diet he kind enough to send her prescription to Box 35, Mohler, Wash? A lady at that address is too fat.

I. N. V., Clinton, Ia.—In our opinion you have indigestion instead of heart disease and what you think is water splashing around your heart is gas from your stomach full of undigested food. Suppose you eat about half as much as you now eat and eat things like that. Try milk, eggs, raw cabbage, rice, dry toast, fruit and such vegetables as grow above ground. After meals drink a glass of hot water or cold, with a quarter teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in it. Better consult an oculist about your eyes if they get no better as your digestion improves.

L. B. M., Cincinnati, O.—You may work the cracking of the joints out by frequently exercising them. (2) Organic heart disease is practically incurable. Functional heart trouble is another thing. That is the result of conditions which, as a rule, may be corrected. More deaths occur in these days of nervous living and careless eating and drinking, from functional than organic disease of the heart.

M. S., Denver, Colo.—As you found relief from the treatment even though unpleasant, why not continue it rather than to treat yourself which you find does no good? Our advice to you is to do what helps you most. Newspaper treatment is useless. Some kinds of economy are worse than extravagance. Better have unpleasant treatment that relieves, than have the other kind that leaves you to suffer most of the time, don't you think?

Mrs. H. C., Hillsboro, Ore.—If the trouble with your husband's feet is not corns or bunions, you should have a doctor prescribe. He may have some gouty trouble, and a personal examination will be necessary.

C. C. C., Hannibal, Mo.—You have chronic catarrh of the stomach. We should say from this distance. Did you ever try the warm, dry open air of Arizona? We think if you could get out there and live in the open, eating about what you do now except the corn-bread, you would at your age grow fairly strong and well. If you drink coffee, stop it. You have inherited a predisposition to the trouble and will always suffer some from it at times, but it should not continue as it does now.

J. S., Hollister, Cal.—Stimulants affect different systems differently. Alcohol and tobacco are poison to some and practically harmless to others. If not taken to excess, what effect pepper in the food has upon producing a taste for alcoholic stimulants is further over in the science than we have yet gone. Work it to a finish and tell us what you discover.

J. C., Cadiz, Ill.—Soda is excellent for heartburn, but it is too strongly alkaline to use as a tooth wash.

M. T. F., Appleton, Wis.—See advertisements in COMFORT.

E. S., Colchester, Ill.—Don't eat fatty foods nor sweets if you wish to reduce flesh. Eat very sparingly and decline all sugar, potatoes, fat meat, butter, coffee and pastry. Make your diet largely of eggs, milk, rice, dry bread or toast and vegetables which grow above ground. Some people will become fat whatever they eat, and if you are in that class, advice won't do much good, even if you take it. Lemon juice in water is good.

C. M. D., Hanna, Ill.—If you don't go to a doctor and let him see your frozen feet and treat them properly, the first thing you know, gangrene will set in and you'll lose a foot or two and possibly your life.

Reader, Monroe, Wash.—Varicose veins call for personal examination by a physician and you should go to one at once.

B. F. E. S., Phillipsburg, Pa.—Abdominal noises, such as you complain of result from gases and are very stubborn to yield to treatment. Time will be required to effect relief and you will have to see a doctor who can properly prescribe after examination. They are due more or less to poor digestion, though most dyspeptics do not have them.

G. F., Caseyville, Ill.—Stop all the sweets and the potatoes and drink water only between meals. Some people will get fat on water. Take vigorous exercise if you can possibly do so. Use lemon juice in water.

K. J. L., Baltimore, Md.—Both you and your daughter have catarrh and we believe if you could get out of the damp atmosphere of your present location and go to Arizona or Colorado you would both find much relief. Your hearing would scarcely be made good again, but you would not be troubled with your ears as you now are and the little girl would probably grow into a woman of average health.

F. L., Curtis, Okla.—Cold water and plenty of it. Not too cold. There maybe a better-year-round beverage than this, but we don't know what it is. Lemon juice may be added now and then but straight water is good enough.

Mrs. P. B., Denver, Colo.—Certainly dry air is better for catarrh than damp air, and no one has ever doubted that the air of Colorado is dry. We do not claim that Colorado is a sure cure for catarrh, but it is a decided improvement over the low and damp portions of this country.

Subscriber, Sterrett, Ala.—Only an examination by a physician can determine whether an operation can be performed or not with good results. We advise that you make no delay in seeing a good physician. There is no reason that we know of why you should not recover entirely.

J. B., Pulaski, Tenn.—If you can possibly get out of Tennessee and go to a farm in Arizona do so. In that country you will find a climate which will do for you what no medicine can do in your present location.

A. C. K., Krupp, Wash.—It is impossible to prescribe what kind of truss to use unless we could see the patient. You will have to consult a physician who can make a personal examination.

A. G., Mineral Wells, Texas.—As far as we are able to judge it is simply the natural formation. We would have to see the veins to know if there were any other cause. Has a doctor ever seen them?

J. H., St. Joseph, Wis.—We doubt if constipation can be cured by medicine. Possibly it may be by careful physical culture, and we advise you to get a copy of the Physical Culture Magazine, New York City and read it carefully for any suggestions it may have to offer. You know all the usual remedies and find them of so little value that perhaps a new plan might be acceptable. As for your child you can only give it such food as will easily digest and do not overfeed it.

J. G. H., Dodgen, Ia.—The man who can make hair grow on bald heads could become a millionaire forty times over. But the bald heads had two inches of growth on them. We should not say that baldness is a disease, exactly, but it is just as incurable as though it were, and if you are born to be bald you will be, in spite of all you can do. Baldness that results from a known disease may be cured, but not the other kind. Might as well talk about growing new teeth as growing new hair, in that kind of a case.

J. E. B., Griggs, Ala.—Take your tubes and lamp around to the nearest doctor and ask him to show you. I. F., Carlyle, S. Dak.—We think you have some kind of skin trouble not directly attributable to the condition of the blood. It will be wise to follow the directions for local treatment your doctor has given you, but have a talk with him and ask him to prescribe a diet that will have its effect upon your entire system. You are too young to have any permanent skin trouble, though six years is a long time finding a cure.

Rosaline, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Involuntary blushing is a result of nervousness. Did you ever try Christian Science? You have healers in your town. Go to one and see what can be done.

B. M. C., Littlefield, Maine.—Really, if it is injurious to a girl to kiss a man who uses tobacco we never heard of it. Per contra we never heard of any injury to a man who kissed a lady who smoked cigarettes. Tobacco is a vile weed, but we don't think it is quite that bad.

E. F. L., Chicago, Ill.—With your various complications we recommend that you submit your case to any one of the free hospitals in your city. There you will get the very best advice and treatment and it will cost you nothing except your time.

J. B., Johnson, Ky.—Write to the men whose names you mention and get their books. They are all right and may be able to put you on the straight road to health. Also write to Mr. Horace Fletcher, Waldorf Astoria, New York City. Incidentally we may say that all food and drink, except water, should be held in the mouth until it becomes thoroughly insalivated. All solid food should be masticated to a fine pulp. Digestions vary and you must determine for yourself what foods agree with you best.

J. S., Alma, Neb.—Not knowing the gentleman personally we cannot answer your question. They are experts, but even the best of us are not infallible. If we were there would be no sick people in the world.

L. W. Q., Georgetown, Ind.—Continue the use of the milk and also drink water all you can. You are run down and need rest and building up. Give the child the bottle and thus relieve the strain on yourself for a while until you gather strength. It will be much better for the child than trying to supply it yourself. Don't be worried about it; you have thousands for company, many of them so from choice, more's the pity.

"Running Wild"

By William J. Birge, M. D.

THE train drew up to the station with a rattie, and jar, and the hissing of steam. It was the pay-train.

Workmen came pouring out of the shops and depot, and laborers from the track hurried up to the car, all eager for their monthly wages; while troops of urchins flocked up to the engine, looking it over for the hundredth time, perhaps, yet losing none of their admiration for their favorite engine, the Hercules.

Aleck Carson, the engineer, stepped down from the cab, oil-can in hand, and went forward to oil his engine. He glanced casually up the street, but immediately took a second look at the trim, graceful figure of a young lady who was coming toward him.

"Carrie Davis!" he exclaimed, in pleased surprise. "I wonder why she is here alone! I hope she does not want to go back with us, for—"

He did not utter the reason, but after casting an uneasy look at the car, as if the danger might be there, he went on with his oiling. He did not forget Carrie, however, and when she came tripping across the street, her face all smiles at the thought of the surprise she would give that great, brave, cool-headed engineer, Aleck Carson, he looked up in the quietest way, and said:

"Now, that is too bad!" exclaimed Carrie, with a look of smiling vexation. "I was going to surprise you, and you meet me as if you knew all the time that I was coming."

"So I did," replied Aleck, putting a few drops of oil on the eccentrics. "I saw you when I first got out of the cab. When did you come up?"

"On the morning train; and I want to go back with you. I have been hurrying so, to get ready. How soon do you start?"

Aleck pulled out his watch. "We cannot leave here until the freight comes in, Carrie. She is due in twenty minutes. But hadn't you better wait for the express? We are running wild, you know, and you will not gain over two hours' time."

"Oh, I can't wait two whole hours!" said Carrie. "I am going back on this train—that is, if I can."

A look of annoyance passed over Aleck's face, but he replied pleasantly enough:

"I don't suppose there will be any objections; yet, I do wish you would stop over for the express."

Fearing that he had said too much, Aleck now went round to the other side of his engine, without waiting for a reply from Carrie. She was about to follow him, when Tom Emmons, the conductor, came out of the car.

Carrie smiled to herself. "Aleck needn't be jealous," she thought. "I'm not bound to him yet. And I never shall be, if he cannot trust me."

But for all this, when Emmons asked her if she was going down with them, she waited for Aleck to speak. But Aleck did not speak, and she answered:

"I want to, Mr. Emmons. I suppose I can ride on the engine?"

"Do not think of it, Miss Davis," said Emmons. "Let me help you into the car."

And Aleck Carson, on the other side of the Hercules, heard all. A cloud passed over his face, but it was one of pain rather than anger. "I wish she hadn't," he said to himself.

"Emmons was right enough, I suppose, and perhaps I ought to thank him; but I wish Carrie had waited."

He finished his oiling, and went back to the cab.

"Ten minutes, Johnny," he said to the fireman, as he handed the oil-can up to him. "I'll step back into the coach, and I guess you had better open your door. Steam is pretty well up now."

Emmons was chatting gaily with Carrie, but, when Aleck entered he said, rather brusquely:

"All ready, Carson. Go ahead!"

Aleck looked at his watch, to make sure that he was right.

"Do you mean, go ahead?" he asked, in some surprise.

"Yes; go ahead!" said Emmons, quite sharply.

There were several of the head men of the road in the car, and Aleck looked toward them for instructions, well knowing the hazard of starting out on another train's time. They took no notice of his look, however.

"Of course you know that we are running wild?" he said to Emmons, loud enough for all to hear.

"I know my business," replied Emmons. "Go ahead, I say!"

Again Aleck looked back to the other end of the car, but more particularly to Mr. Harvey, the manager of the road. That gentleman said nothing, and once more Aleck turned to Emmons.

"Emmons, are you sure you know your business?"

"Go ahead!" screamed Emmons, white with rage. "And give her all the steam you've got. If you are too much of a coward—"

"Stop!" said Aleck, his face pale, but determined. "If you say go ahead, I will go, if I strip my engine to strings; but it is the last time

you ever run the train that I am coupled to."

Aleck now turned to Carrie.

"You must not go on this train," said he. "Come!"

And before Carrie had time to exercise a will of her own, she bent to the stronger one, and went out of the car with him.

"Good by, Carrie, if I never see you again," said Aleck, as he hurried away to his engine.

He sprang into the cab, and giving the bell-cord one pull, he opened the throttle, and the engine started.

"I'm afraid there's death to some of us, Johnny," said he, glancing back to where Carrie stood watching the train, as it moved out of sight. "The freight is due in four minutes, and we shall meet it! But Emmons ordered us out, and we must go."

On sped the noble engine, but Aleck was not using half his steam.

"Help me keep a lookout, Johnny," he said, to his fireman. "If we are cautious, if may amount to nothing more than a run back to the station. If we can pass the curve, we can see miles—God have mercy!"

This exclamation was caused by the sight of the approaching freight train.

There was a short, sharp whistle from each engine, an instantaneous closing of two throttles; then followed a grinding crash, and a shock which made the very ground tremble. Then, for one brief moment, an awful stillness, broken at last, by the sound of rushing steam—by the cries and shouts of men, as they crawled from beneath the debris of the wrecked trains, and by the groans of others, less fortunate.

Carrie Davis watched the train out of sight, and then went into the waiting-room, to remain until the express arrived. Aleck's last words—"Good by, Carrie, if I never see you again!"—had fallen with crushing weight upon her ears. A foreboding of some terrible danger to Aleck took possession of her, and she paced uneasily up and down the waiting-room, going every moment to the window and looking down the track. After a half hour of this suspense, she saw a man running toward the depot. She recognized Aleck's fireman, Johnny. She threw up the window just in time to speak to him.

"Aleck—what of Aleck?" she cried.

"I can't tell—I don't know!" answered Johnny, without stopping. "Both trains are stove to silvers."

Down dropped the heavy window, and down dropped Carrie into a seat; but she rallied instantly, and calmly witnessed the preparations for relief to the unfortunate men.

Another hour of the most terrible suspense, and the relief train came back.

One by one the men filled out of the two coaches, some of them slightly bruised, but all wearing a cheerful aspect that ought to have given Carrie hope. But it did not. She was looking for Aleck, and saw nothing, only that he was not there.

"Was any one killed?" she timidly asked, yet dreading to be answered.

"No one, thank God!" was the answer. "But one man was very seriously hurt."

"His name?" she asked, breathlessly.

"I am sure I cannot say," the man replied. "He was the engineer, or—mercy! She has fainted."

The man caught her before she fell, and carried her into the depot.

Carrie lay in the swoon a long time; but she awoke to happiness, for Aleck stood over her.

"Oh, Aleck, are you safe?" she exclaimed.

"They told me you were seriously injured."

"It was Emmons," replied Aleck. "He will lose an arm, poor fellow!"

"Worse than that," said Mr. Harvey, the manager, who stood near. "He will lose a situation and a reputation. And I must beg your pardon, Aleck, for not heeding your silent appeal to me. I put implicit trust in Emmons, or I should have consulted the time-card. I exonerate you from all blame, and give you a month's vacation with full pay."

He did more than that. When, a few weeks later, there was a quiet wedding at Carrie Davis' home, and Aleck and Carrie were the bridegroom and bride, Mr. Harvey, the manager, in behalf of the employees of the road, presented to Aleck the deed of a little nest of a cottage, furnished throughout, prefacing the gift with a short speech, in which he expressed a hope that every "wild run" would terminate as happily as the last.

Aleck still runs an engine, and he has carried many "wild" trains through without accident; but he carries a written order, which is renewed monthly. It reads:

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B. L. Corry, Pa.—We are not an authority on coin values, but our list gives the value of Columbian half dollars at face value and same for halves of 1833-35; halves of 1817-18, fifty-one cents; 1807-08-10, fifty-two cents. See coin dealer ad in COMFORT.

Mrs. S. M. Q. Snowhill, W. Va.—We are pleased to tell you that Mr. Rockefeller has been cured of his dyspepsia and is now hale and hearty. His address is New York City.

M. A., Vera, S. Dak.—Try Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, Ill.

G. A. S., Mayer, Ariz.—He may adopt and sign any name he pleases so long as it is not a trademarked name. No license is necessary and no red tape.

G. W. G., Denmark, S. C.—We have no recollection of such an article. You may get the information you seek by writing to the Mayor of Denver. We think there is nothing of that sort there now, if there ever was. Coloradans object to it.

E. W. M., Folsom, N. Dak.—Graduation from a college of dentistry and personal adaptability to the work are qualifications to become a dentist.

J. H., Macomb, Ill.—The school is all right, but more depends upon the student than the school.

G. P. S., Smithton, Pa.—Mail order houses have no agents. That's why they are mail order. If you want to conduct an agency business, read the advertisements in COMFORT and get into communication with those advertisers. Get as many agencies as you can and employ sub-agents, dividing commissions with them. We believe a live man can make a very comfortable living in this way. Advertise in your local papers and bring the goods you have for sale to the immediate notice of customers. It will take some time to sift out and get good sub-agents, but you can do it and then you will have an established business of your own and do none of the soliciting.

H. H. A., Keeling, Tenn.—We do not know her address but a letter sent to her in care of The Clipper, New York City, or The Dramatic Mirror, would reach her, we think.

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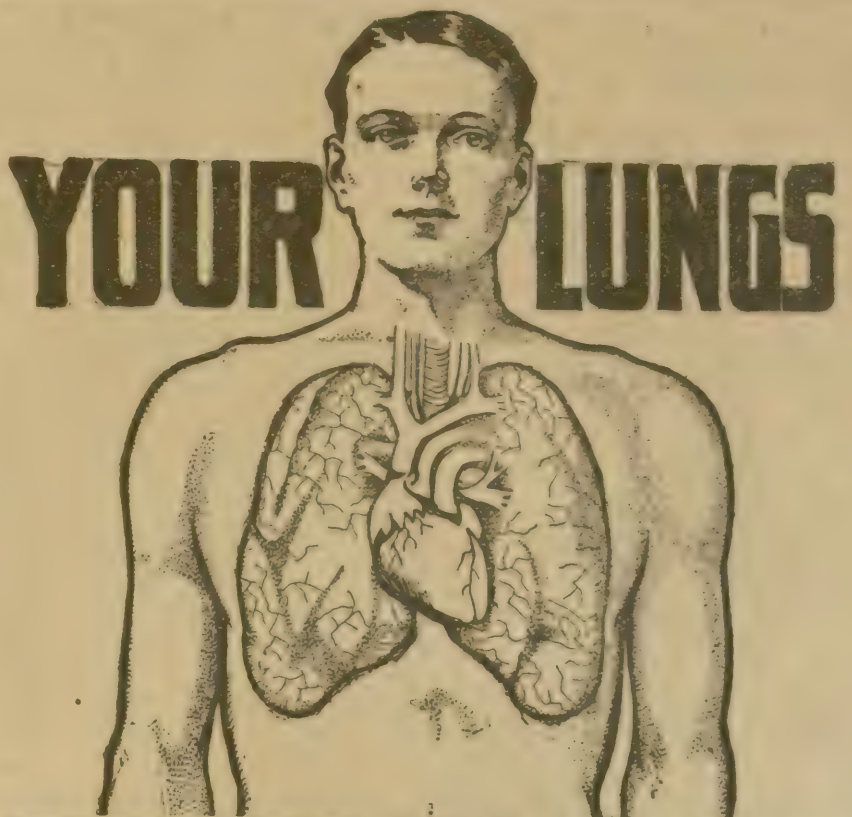
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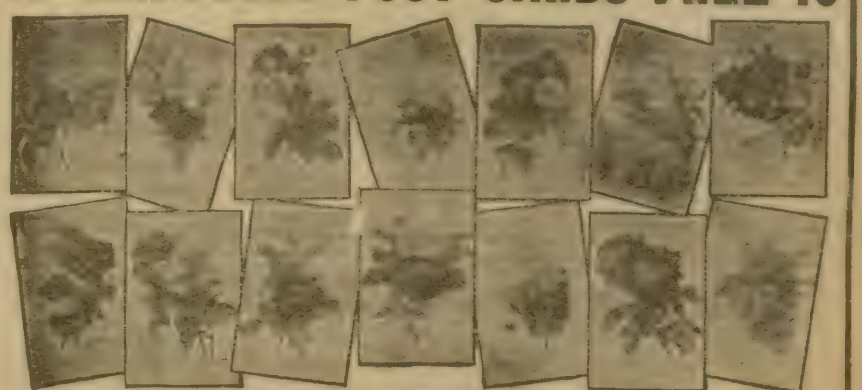
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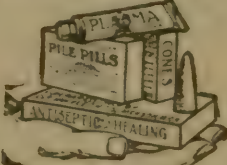
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LITTLE PRUDY'S DOTTY DIMPLE

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"Very well," said she; "you may give the money to 'Mr. Colonel,' and I've no doubt you can persuade him to marry anyone you please." Dotty smiled with entire satisfaction, but Prudy looked inquiringly into her auntie's face, not believing it possible that Colonel Allen would really change his mind for two dollars and a half.

The children went wild over the sleeping baby, Philip Gray.

"He's a brother, isn't he?" said Dotty. "I wish he was mine. I haven't any but Zip. I'd take my kitty out of the carriage, and put in this brother, and give him all my sugar things."

"Well," said Dr. Gray, with a flicker of fun in his eyes, "the baby is not of the least use to me, and if you like him, my dear—"

Dotty danced about the cradle.

"He's nicer than a squirrel caught in a cage. O, he is!"

"That's just as people may fancy," said Dr. Gray. "Now I think for my part, a squirrel would be less trouble, for he could get his own living."

Dotty peeped into the doctor's face with her bright eyes, to make sure he really liked squirrels better than babies.

"But," continued he, very gravely, it may be his mother might object to my giving him away. I don't know why it is, but she seems to value him very highly. She would expect some money for him, I think. How much are you willing to pay?"

Dotty reflected. She possessed several dollies, a new tea-set, a box of picture-books, and a red morocco ball. But what would Dr. Gray care for these, or her various other toys? All her money was contained in her portemonnaie, the money which she had meant should put a stop to her Aunt Madge's dreadful marriage. Should she save her auntie, and give up the baby? Or should she buy the baby, and leave her auntie to her fate?

The struggle in her mind was a severe one, but it did not last long.

"O," thought she, looking at the little sleeper in the cradle, "I'd rather have him than Aunt Madge; for he'll stay to our house, and sleep in my crib."

"How now?" said Dr. Gray, pinching Dotty's cheek; "made up your mind?"

"Yes, sir," replied the child, with her finger in her mouth; "I'm going to buy him. I mean I'm going to if I can get him for two dollars and a half."

"A generous sum," laughed the doctor. "Well said. Now the next thing is, to obtain his mother's consent."

This was very easily done, for Mrs. Gray, who was not strong, and had only a young girl in the kitchen, declared that, dearly as she loved the baby, she found him a deal of trouble.

Dotty's face was radiant; but Prudy, who understood that the whole conversation was merely a playful one, looked down upon her younger sister with a sage smile.

"Don't you think," whispered Dotty, clutching her auntie by the dress, "don't you think we'd better be going?"

"Why, dear, are you tired of your brother so soon?"

"O I want to get the carriage, you know, and the money to pay him for."

Miss Louise, who knew that her little niece was terribly in earnest, now tried to divert her with pictures; but Dotty was not to be woeedled by any such arts.

"I'll tell you what we'll do," said Dr. Gray; "we'll keep little Phil for you till he's as tall as a pair of tongs."

Unfortunately there was a fireplace in the room, and Dotty's keen eyes at once espied the tongs, leaning against a brass rest. As quick as a thought she seized them, and laid them in the cradle beside the baby. They were half an inch shorter than Phil—even the doctor was obliged to confess it.

"Bravo! Miss Bright Eyes," said he, catching up Dotty, and whirling her over his shoulder; "you have a shrewd little brain of your own. I see you can be trusted to make your own bargains."

The baby had been for some moments nestling uneasily, and of course was broad awake by this time, screaming lustily, as if to protest against the inhuman proceeding of being bought and sold.

Dotty had just time to see that her "brother" had "nut-blue" eyes, when she was hurried away by her Aunt Louise.

For three days the expectant child was kept in suspense by misanthropic Dr. Gray, who pretended that he should bring the baby to her some time when she did not expect it. She often rushed into the parlor, saying, "O, I thought I heard somethin' cryin'"; and almost cried herself to sleep, for there was no baby there. "I wish I could stop expecting my brother," said Dotty sorrowfully, "for then he might come."

But, at last, after her young heart had throbbed again and again with false hopes, she began to see that she had been cruelly deceived. Dr. Gray did not mean, and never had meant, to sell his baby.

"He tells too many fibs," said Dotty, stamping her foot, and looking very much flushed; "he cheated me, he did."

"Now, Susy, do you think it was right to cheat her so?" said Prudy, sorry for Dotty's disappointment.

"I don't know," replied the older sister, hesitating. "Dr. Gray is a real good man. I don't believe he meant to cheat. Father wears paper collars sometimes, and makes believe they are linen; but then, you know, father wouldn't cheat! Dr. Gray was only joking. The trouble is, Dotty is too little to understand jokes. Dr. Gray didn't mean to break his word."

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TOLD AROUND THE STOVE



About Taking Cold

"Colds," said the man who looked like he might have been a doctor, "are about the commonest complaint mankind has to endure, and as common as they are they are always just as disagreeable to have and sometimes they lead to something bad enough to kill. Now and then people know how they took cold, but as a rule they don't, and lots of people get them no matter how careful they think they are. Colds seem to be lying in wait for victims and just swoop down on them at any old time. Everybody though does know that one of the oftenest ways of taking cold is a sudden change of temperature, like going from an overheated room out into a cold hall or out of doors. For this there is very nearly a preventive. If people will only stop a minute to think. You know the skin is full of very small pores, millions of them all over the body, from which various useless matter in the body escapes, perspiration being the most noticeable. Well, it is through these pores that the cold makes its way and brings trouble. But if the pores are not open there isn't any trouble. Did you ever take a bee in your hand while you held your breath? No? Try it sometime and you will find that as long as you hold your breath, the bee can't sting you. Why? Because when you hold your breath the pores of the skin close and the bee hasn't strength enough to drive his stinger through your skin. He can only get it in by way of the open pores. What has that got to do with taking cold coming from a hot room into the cold air? A whole lot. Just before you strike the cold air take a long breath and hold on just as long as you can, and go out into the colder air holding your breath. Take another right away and two or three more till you get more used to the cold air, and the chances are that you won't catch cold. It is a simple kind of a preventive isn't it and because it is so simple most people neglect it."

A Mile of Sea Water

"When you think how much water is in all the oceans of earth," remarked the professor in a white necktie, "a cubic mile of it doesn't seem to be worth counting. But a cubic mile of sea water is worth more if we could get its value out of it than any cubic mile of earth in the entire globe, even if it happened to be in a gold mining section. The gold in that much sea water, calculating one grain of gold to a ton of water, is worth over one hundred and seventy-eight million dollars. The salt and salt isn't anything like as valuable as gold as most of us know, is worth over five hundred and eighty-five million dollars, there being over 117 million tons, say worth \$5 a ton. The chlorides of magnesium and potassium amounting to about 20 million tons are worth 500 million dollars more and the bromide of sodium of which there are something over seventeen hundred thousand tons is worth nearly 859 million dollars. The total value of the minerals is over two billions of dollars. A mile of sea water, that is a mile each way, as I said doesn't seem so big when compared with all the rest of the sea, but it is pretty big just the same, for it weighs nearly four and a half billion tons. Anybody on earth that wants a cubic mile of sea water could have it without paying a cent for it, and it wouldn't be missed, but it would be a white elephant on his hands and all the wealth that is in it wouldn't be worth as much to him as a hill of potatoes."

Some Pig Iron Figures

"Twenty-five years ago," said the hardware drummer from Pittsburgh, "Great Britain supplied 40 per cent. of the world's output of pig iron and the United States made only 20 per cent. of it." Today the figures are practically reversed, the United States making 43 per cent. and Great Britain 16 per cent. Or rather, those were the figures for 1907, when 25,307,191 tons were produced. Our decrease in 1908 is estimated at about 40 per cent. The world's output for the past quarter of a century has been from 29,000,000 tons to sixty millions. Germany with 12,800,000 tons holds second place, with Great Britain third with 9,833,000 tons. Germany passed Great Britain in 1903. Great Britain has increased her output slowly, coming from 8,100,000 tons in 1880 to 9,833,000 in 1907. Germany did much better, going from 3,800,000 tons to 12,800,000, while the United States shows the phenomenal increase of from 3,835,000 tons to over 25 millions tons. This is twenty-five times more than we made in 1864. The figures of the last ten years show an increase of 10 per cent. for Great Britain, 55 per cent. for Germany and 160 per cent. for the United States. In the last 50 years our output has aggregated 330,000,000 tons. This may not be an argument for protection, but it seems to me that it is. Anyway Uncle Sam is the Iron King, no matter if he doesn't wear a crown and sit on a throne like some other kings."

In Case of Electric Shock

"People have been drowning and dying otherwise suddenly in a great many well-known ways for a great many years," said a doctor-looking man, "and other people know pretty well what to do till the doctor comes, but electricity is one of the new sudden killers that most people ought to know more about than they do. Electricity kills a lot every year, and snocks a great many more without killing them. These are the ones to be looked after quick, but first off, don't be too quick and rush in to take hold of anybody in contact with a live wire, unless you have on rubber gloves or are wearing glass shoes. If you do you are apt to be killed yourself. Just how much electricity it takes to kill depends on so many different conditions that no definite answer can be given. A person not fatally shocked has his vitality lowered to unconsciousness, or nearly that, and the first thing to do, when he is safe from contact with the wire is to stimulate the heart and respiration. Ammonia and other stimulants should be administered, if the person can swallow, and respiration should be induced by compressing the chest about eighteen times a minute for several minutes. Also the arms and legs should be moved up and down and rubbed towards the body to start the circulation. Hot bottles may be also applied to the body. These remedies should be continued until a doctor can be called. But remember, don't touch a person who is still in contact with a live wire unless you are thoroughly insulated."

Large Cities

"One of the noticeable conditions of the world's population of today," said the man who might have been a government statistician, "is the increase in the number of the big cities—not only in this new Western world, but all over. In 1801 there were in all Europe only 22 cities of more than 100,000 people, none of them a million large. Today there are 160 cities there of that size, and seven of them of over a million. London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Moscow and Constantinople. In all the world there are 15 cities of over a million, seven in Europe, two in China, one in Japan (Tokio), one in India (Calcutta), one in South America (Buenos

Ayres), and three in the United States (New York, Chicago and Philadelphia). There are 24 cities of over half a million and 56 of over a quarter of a million, not counting those of half a million and a million or more. London is the largest, New York second. Paris and Berlin are the only two in the two million class, though Chicago is probably in with them, as the figures are from the census of several years ago. Just what is the cause of the urban increase is not clear, but it is attributed by some, and they are probably correct, to the combined efforts of science, industry and invention, which lead people to cities instead of to the farms."

A Wolf Story

Beside the cheery fire of a wayside inn one bitter cold night was gathered a score of hardy men. Ale was quaffed, jests echoed through the room and many wonderful stories were told. One grizzled veteran of the hunt who had circled the world several times seemed bored by the commonplace achievements he was hearing about and upon being pressed for a story spoke as follows: "One night in Russia while sleighing across the icy plains I heard the howls of a wolf pack and looking behind saw that I was being pursued by twenty of the largest specimens I ever laid eyes on. It was a desperate plight indeed for my horse was tired and my ammunition limited. When they got pretty close I shot the leader and the others stopped long enough to eat him up. This gave me a little start but pretty soon they were on me again and once more I shot the leader. The pack ate him up in a jiffy and were soon leaping at me again. Pressing the muzzle of my gun against a huge fellow's breast I shot for the third time. Well boys, the nearest shelter was fourteen miles ahead but I kept shooting until there was only one wolf left and—" "Here," said one of the listeners, "According to your story that last wolf had the other nineteen inside of him." "Well," said the old hunter, scratching his head, "come to think about it, he was a little bit wobbly toward the end."

Current Events

FIRST STORAGE BATTERY CAR IN THE UNITED STATES.—The first of a series of storage battery surface cars which it is planned ultimately shall supplant the old-fashioned ordinary cars in New York, was put into successful operation recently as a permanent unit of the New York Railway Company. The car weighs only five tons as compared with an average weight of ten tons for the modern trolley car. The batteries are placed under the seats.

NEW LIFE PRESERVER SAVES A FIRST VICTIM.—At the height of a severe storm in sea, Michel Ryan, a sailor on the Philadelphia, was swept overboard by a wave and was rescued against great odds. It was the first real test of a new contrivance for securing and quickly releasing life preservers. Chas. S. Lenz, the inventor, is master of arms on the steamer. He quickly loosened a life preserver from the lashing he had invented and threw it within fifteen feet of Ryan. When the steamer was brought to a stop Ryan was holding on to the life preserver fully one half mile away.

THE GREATEST HARBOR IN THE WORLD.—To make Jamaica bay the greatest harbor in the world, the rivers-and-harbors association provided enough money and authorized the expenditure by the Federal Government as needed from time to time, of \$7,000,000 for the project alone, conditional upon the city of New York spending an additional \$10,000,000.

OIL FUEL IN THE BRITISH NAVY.—The British Admiralty has decided to adopt the principle of oil fuel as a substitute for coal in the navy, and has ordered 50,000 tons of liquid fuel for the current year. By this way the British Government hopes to save thousands of dollars yearly.

HEAVIEST MAN IN THE WORLD IS DEAD.—Reuben Steere, a police-magistrate of Illinois, said to have been one of the heaviest men in the world, is dead. Mr. Steere, weighed 695 pounds and was six feet, three inches tall. Ten of the strongest men in Illinois were selected to act as pallbearers.

SMALLEST MAN IN WORLD IS DEAD.—Peter Klees, said to have been the smallest man in the world is dead. The sickness that caused his death is pneumonia. His occupation was traveling with the Barnum and Bailey show from which he made his living. He was, at his death, 72 years old and weighed 55 pounds and only 47 inches tall. He married a Lilliputian in 1887.

ASBESTOS HOUSES BEING MADE IN AUSTRALIA.—They are making houses of Asbestos in Australia, probably accounting for the movement to organize an asbestos trust here. There's nothing that can possibly be employed for the happiness or the contentment of the people that isn't immediately appropriated by greed and avarice.

CARRIER PIGEONS AID DOCTORS.—Carrier pigeons may prove an invaluable adjunct to the practice of medicine in rural routes. A physician of great experience has demonstrated their usefulness. Having many calls in the surrounding country and finding it difficult to keep in touch daily with his patients, he hit upon the plan of the carrier pigeon. The birds, carrying in a small aluminum capsule a report of the condition of the patients, from whose homes they are released, return to the doctor's home at the rate of more than a mile a minute. Urgent calls are thus promptly answered and visits which are not immediately necessary are obviated. It would be a good plan if all the suburban doctors would hit upon this plan and train or have trained some pigeons for their own use.

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Pat's Excuse

BY H. W. BROWN.

SEVERAL years ago, when Mr. Blank was Division-Superintendent of M. & St. P. R. R. in Minnesota, he had occasion to visit Wells, Minn., then the end of a division. Accompanied by the Agent at that point and several prominent citizens, among others Clark Thompson—well known by all Minnesotans—he visited the car shops, where over a hundred hands were working. The word had been passed down the line that the "Boss" was to inspect the shops and consequently every workman was on his good behavior. The distinguished party drew near, all stopped to do them obeisance, except one lone Irishman, who never paused in his work even to look up as they passed by. Mr. Thompson and the Agent noticed this, and being fond of a joke, drew the Supt.'s attention to it when they reached the city. It was arranged by the would-be jokers that word should be sent the Irishman that this neglected courtesy of his, in not recognizing the "Boss," might be visited upon him with serious consequences, but since he (the Irishman) had been a faithful employee, he would be given a chance to make proper apology. Of course Pat was discomfited and as he worked, he kept an eye on all who approached. Finally the august body appeared, with hidden smiles, thinking they would get the laugh on Pat. As the Supt. came near Pat arose and doffed his hat and making a low bow, apologized for his seeming discourtesy and ended up by saying: "Of course your Honor knows that I can't stop to speak to every dom fool who comes along," and resumed his work. The apology was accepted by all and the joke turned on the Agent and Mr. Thompson much to the merriment of the Supt. Pat soon had a summons to the office and got—a better job.

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I want to make April a red-letter month for the shut-ins, and so, while I ask each and everyone of you that is interested in the cause to make a strenuous effort to do something, I am going to lead off in doing my part by reducing the number of subscriptions required to earn a wheel chair from two hundred and fifty to two hundred.

After Easter Sunday, March 27, it will take only two hundred new yearly subscriptions to earn a COMFORT wheel chair and carry sunshine into the dreary life of another destitute, deserving cripple. And I make yet another concession to help the shut-ins and to encourage you to work for the Wheel-Chair Club. I will continue to accept one-year COMFORT subscriptions at twenty-five cents each for the benefit of the Wheel-Chair Club, provided they come to us in clubs of five or more.

One dollar will pay for five yearly subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club; so you can raise a club of five at twenty cents each, or get four of your friends to subscribe at twenty-five cents each and then you can give the fifth subscription to a poor neighbor free, as the dollar which you get from the four will pay for five subscriptions in aid of the shut-ins.

Now let us see how many of our subscribers care enough about the sufferings of the shut-ins even to send in one new subscription for their relief.

In May and June numbers of COMFORT I shall print a "Roll of Honor" consisting of the names of those who send a club of five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club between Easter and the first of May.

Mrs. Myrtle Wylie of Bunch, Oklahoma, is to receive the March chair.

I want to see that Roll of Honor as long as possible, and you will not be ashamed to read your name in it. If you can't do that, do something; send in at least one subscription to show that the Easter spirit is a moving force within you, and that you have really made an effort to do what you could.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of Comfort.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain, that for each and every 200 new one-year subscriptions to COMFORT sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some worthy, destitute, crippled shut-in and I pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours.

Touching Letter of Thanks From an Eleven-Year-Old Shut-in for a COMFORT Wheel Chair
MILLVILLE, Utah, Jan. 30, 1910.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE,
I received my wheel chair, January 29th, all O. K. I wish to heartily thank you, COMFORT, and all who sent subscriptions. I am eleven years old but have been sick nearly five years. I have learned to read and write at home, and expect to enjoy my chair very much.
Again thanking COMFORT and all helpers, I am,
Your grateful little friend,
PEARL PITKIN.

Manners and Looks

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the Misses Jane, Kate and so on. A lady may do as she pleases about rising to an introduction, though she should rise to meet an older woman or a very old or distinguished man. To him also it is proper to introduce the woman as an exception to the rule.

Brown Eyes, Holsington, Kans.—The engagement ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand, unless that hand has been amputated. We thought every Sunflower girl knew that.

A. B. C., Central City, Neb.—If the lady wishes to help her "gentleman friend" put on his overcoat in the hall she may do so. The men like it. Etiquette doesn't say she shall not. She may also dance both of the "two ladies' choice" with her escort, but if she does, the gossips will say "she must be stuck on him," or something equally nice and feminine.

Black-haired Beauty, Chapman, Neb.—Ordinarily for friendly calls, half past ten is the time for the young man to get his hat. If he stays much later, the lady should tell him plainly that he must not do so. One time telling is quite enough for a man with any sense of the proprieties.

Troubled Boy, Clarke, Neb.—Etiquette yields to necessity. If you are driving an unsafe horse, the lady must help herself out of the rig, or into it. We would advise you not to ask a lady to drive behind that sort of a horse. You may risk your own neck if you will, but you hardly have a right to ask her to risk hers. (2) When your sweetheart's sister has no company to the dance, it is up to you to ask her to go with you and her sister. Or you may suggest to her sister to ask her for both of you. You never lose anything being polite to the girl's family.

Innocent, Marysville, Kans.—If the fifteen-year-old girl's parents do not object to her going walking or evenings and Sunday afternoons with boys, we suppose it is none of our business. But they ought to. (2) Oh, yes, respectable girls go to public dances, but as a rule that kind of a dance does not add a great deal to their respectability.

Blue Eyes, Laredo, Texas.—The bride may introduce her husband to her friends at the wedding reception as her husband or as "Mr." Usually she is so proud of her new position that she introduces him as "my husband."

By By, Personville, Texas.—If the gentleman wishes to leave the lady at the singing school, he simply asks her to excuse him. (2) When he leaves her after taking her home he should say something or he can think of to make her be glad she had such a fine beau.

Two Anxious Girls, Godfrey, Ga.—It is always pleasant to tell any one something complimentary that you have heard. The recipient not only likes you for telling it, but likes the other one for saying it. You don't always have to tell who said it, but it is just as well to make the story complete, though you might let him guess for a while.

Bumble Bee, Cowen, W. Va.—A girl should be out of school before she accepts a young man's company. It is generally understood that when a girl is through school she is ready to get married. (2) The young man should go in and sit with the girl in church. Why not? She leads the way if she is a regular attendant at that church and knows where to sit.

Golden Locks, Austin, Texas.—Don't have him call every Sunday evening if you never expect him to be more than a friend. It will keep away other young men for whom you entertain different feelings. There is no limit to the number of young men a girl may encourage if not engaged to any. Compliments and admiration are not very substantial offerings and you may accept all that come your way. Read the riot act to the man who gets angry because you won't let him hug and kiss you. Also chase him out of the house.

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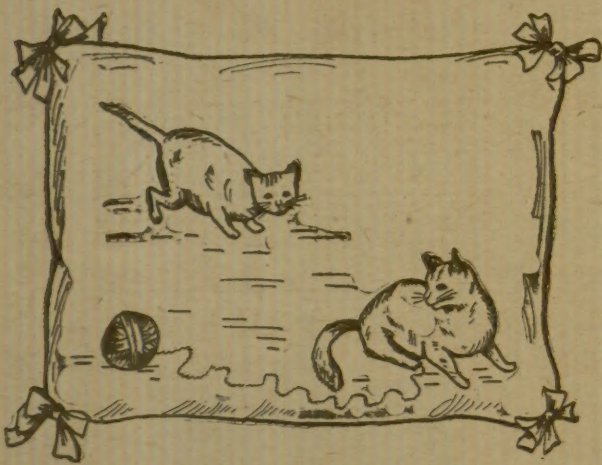
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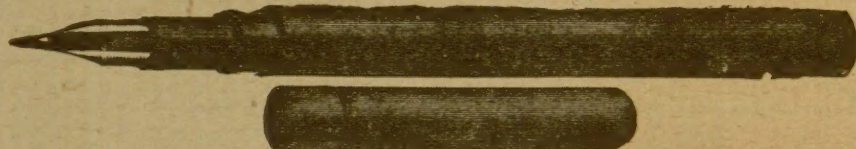
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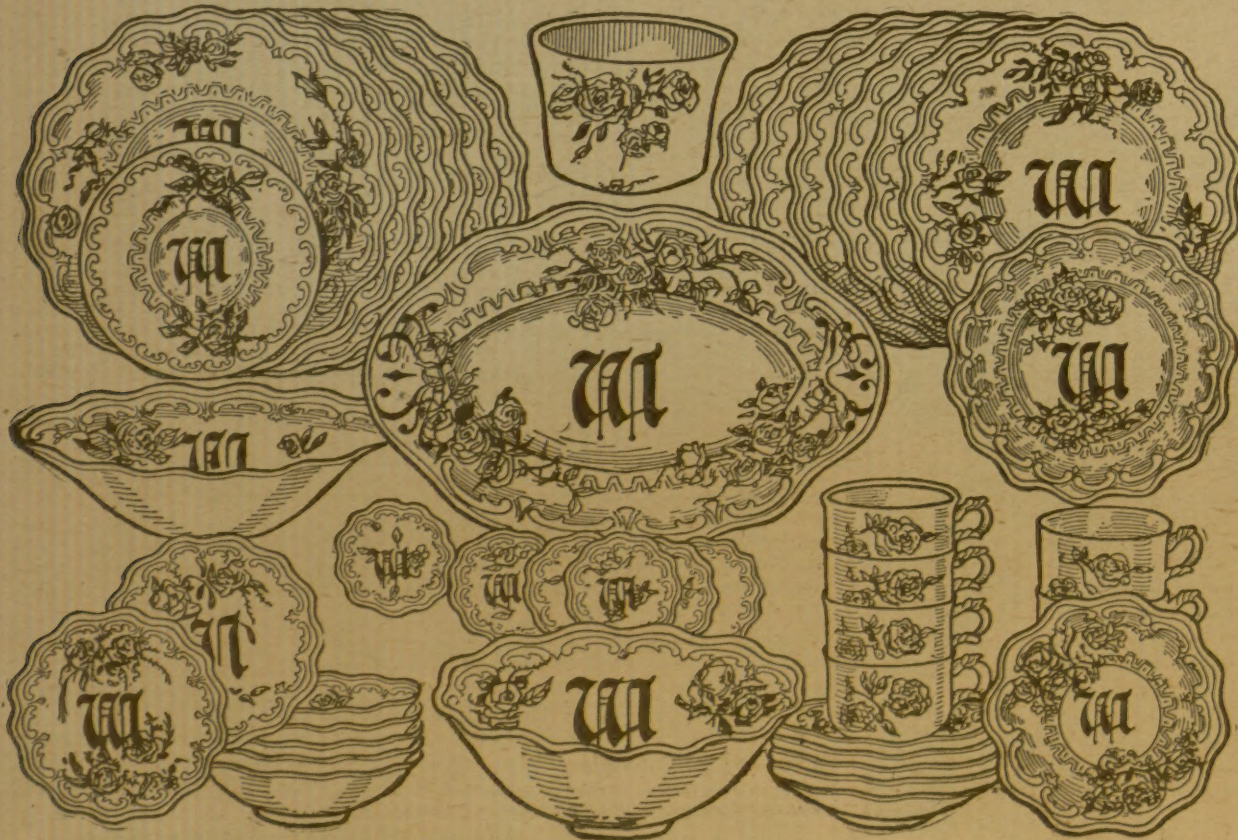
Each Piece Decorated with your Initial in Gold. Positively the Biggest and Finest Dinner Set ever Given Away as a Free Present. Any Lady Can Earn this Set in a Few Hours' Time.

This beautiful Monogram Dinner Set, full size, for family use, consisting of 42 pieces just as shown, is a present that will bring delight to the heart of any housewife and can be had absolutely free of charge for a few hours' easy, pleasant work among your neighbors and the people of your vicinity. This set is made of finest Parisian china, is a pure delicate white and decorated with wild rose design in colors, with the edges traced in gold. It is a set of dishes that you will be proud to own and put on your table and show your friends.

Your own initial in pure gold will be on every piece except the cups and saucers. The set consists of six large plates, six dessert plates, six large cups and saucers, six sauce or fruit dishes, six butter plates, two large vegetable dishes, one large platter, one cake plate, one bread plate, and one gravy bowl, making 42 separate pieces, positively the grandest array of dishes ever offered for this small amount of work.

Club Offer: For only 14 yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each, we will present you with one of these beautiful Monogram 42-Piece Dinner Sets. The set will be carefully packed and shipped by freight upon receipt of the club order. Remember only 14 yearly subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each procures this Gold Decorated 42-Piece Initial Dinner Set. State what initial wanted when ordering.

Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



Enter Now for April Cash Prizes

COMFORT'S SECOND GRAND PRIZE OFFER

This Receipt Shows the Actual Results

\$675.00 Galesburg, Ill., May 8, 1909.
Received of W. H. Gannett, Publisher of COMFORT, the sum of THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS by check of this date in payment of FIFTY DOLLARS FIRST PRIZE for April doubled and TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS Capital Grand Prize in COMFORT'S Great Subscription Prize Contest, which with the THREE HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS previously paid me in monthly Cash Prizes makes a grand total of SIX HUNDRED and SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS received by me from COMFORT in cash prizes during the past six months, besides all my regularly earned premiums and cash commissions.
E. WAGONER.

Of Patiently Pegging Away During Spare Time.
He won the first prize only three months and we paid him \$675.00. That happened to Mr. Wagoner under our last year's prize offer which was the same as our present one is. He found it such a big, fat, easy mark that of course he is in it again this year,—as YOU OUGHT TO BE,—for they are

Winning Bigger Prizes This Year

We have paid the November, December, January and February prizes,—many of them doubled or thricebled. The 159 February prizes which we paid ranged from \$1.00 to \$200.00 each. We are about to pay big March prizes. But

Big Prizes Are Yet To Be Won in April
The opportunity is still open to you, even if you have not entered yet, to win before the first of May.

Two Prizes and Big Money for a One Month Try

Seven of our Grand Prize Winners last year did the stunt of winning a monthly prize and a Grand Prize, too, all in one month, just by entering for one single month; didn't even make a try in any other month.
Perhaps you wonder how this could be done,—how a Grand Prize for a six-month contest could be won in a single month. The solution is very simple, and is one of the most liberal and attractive features of our prize offer.
The Grand Prizes are paid on May 8 to the winners in the six-month Grand Prize Contest, but, don't you see, as all subscriptions sent in count both ways, both on the monthly prize contest for the month and also for the six-month Grand Prize contest, any one may send in enough in any one month to win a Grand Prize as well as a prize for that particular month. That is just what those seven that we have explained about did.
Others won monthly prizes doubled and Grand

\$200.00 Galesburg, Ill., March 8, 1910
Received of W. H. Gannett, Publisher of COMFORT,
Two Hundred Dollars
by check of this date in full payment of
FEBRUARY FIRST PRIZE QUADRUPLED
E. WAGONER.

Prizes in two months, three months, four and five months.
The beauty of our combination prize offer is that you can do good work and get big results quick, even in one short month, if for any reason you don't want to make a long pull of it.
But those who have been in it other months, especially those in the March contest, should make a good try in April, as it is their last chance to double or thricebled and to add to what subscriptions they already have credited to them toward winning a Grand Prize, too.

MONTHLY PRIZES THRIBBLE
If you win the same monthly prize three consecutive months, we will double your second month's prize and pay you three times the amount of your third month's prize. See how this works.
We paid Ada Humphrey \$75.00 for winning the \$25.00 second prize in February, because she had won it three straight months. And if she wins the second prize in March, we shall thriceble it for her, and again in April, if she wins it. But someone else may win it,—why not you? You have just as good a chance to win in April.
If you won in February or March don't fail to hustle in April. It is your last chance to double or thricebled, and to win a Grand Prize, too.

A FAIR FIELD AND NO FAVOR
We keep a strict account of all subscriptions sent in to us by each and every person who enters this great subscription prize contest so that there shall be no mistake in awarding the prizes. Each and every prize must and shall surely be paid to somebody. It makes no difference to us who wins them. We take great care to see that those who win them get them, and you will all know because we publish the names of all the prize winners.

Don't hesitate to enter and try because you may happen to live in a small place. MANY of our PRIZE-WINNERS last year and this year LIVE IN SMALL TOWNS or VILLAGES; NONE OF THE LARGE PRIZES WENT TO THE GREAT CITIES. Galesburg, Ill., the home of Mr. Wagoner, who won \$675.00, is a small city; according to last census 655 IS THE POPULATION OF Grover Hill, Ohio, the home of ALICE WINTERS WHO WON \$350.00; 129 INHABITANTS in Hebron, West Virginia, the home of Mr. C. B. MORRIS WHO WON \$70.00 in two months. NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD NOT WIN A GOOD PRIZE or combination of PRIZES, like them and many others.

CONDITIONS. The conditions of this contest are few and simple.
First. Send subscription clubs, large or small, often as you like. Name regular club premium you want.
Second. In mailing subscriptions intended for the prize competition, be sure to address them all to COMFORT PRIZE DEPARTMENT, Augusta, Maine or we shall not know they are for the prize contest.
Third. Subscriptions mailed on last day of a month will be counted into that month's contest provided the post-mark on the envelope shows it. This makes it fair for all, no matter how far off they live.
Fourth. The prizes will be awarded on the basis of one-year subscriptions, but other subscriptions will be accepted and counted in these prize contests as follows: 3 five-months subscriptions equal one yearly subscription. One two-years renewal equals one yearly subscription. So send in either kind of COMFORT subscriptions or renewals and they will all count.

IN CASE OF A TIE, the prize or prizes for which contestants are tied will be divided equally between them. Thus, if two are tied for first prize, we shall add first and second prizes together and give half of the total to each, and doubling the share of either contestant entitled to double.

EVERYTHING TO WIN AND NOTHING TO LOSE. It costs you nothing to enter. It is the chance of a lifetime,—a lot of great chances combined. Don't let them slip past you. Enter now with a club of two or more and get in line for the prizes. Your own subscription or renewal will count one. You can renew 2 years for 30c. more and have it count one. Use the Prize Contest Entry Coupon on tend your subscription 2 years for 30c. more and have it count one. Use the Prize Contest Entry Coupon on this page to enter this contest, or if you do not wish to mutilate this paper by cutting it out, copy it on to a sheet of paper. Get your friend's to subscribe, renew or extend their subscriptions and help you to win a prize.

863 CASH PRIZES—ALL SIZES \$1,300.00 the Limit to Any One Winner

This is our SECOND GRAND Combination PRIZE OFFER, and we make it the same as our GRAND JUBILEE PRIZE OFFER of last year, because that was such a great all-round success,—but this time WE OFFER MORE PRIZES.
We paid \$675.00 to MR. E. WAGONER, of Galesburg, Ill., and \$350.00 to MISS ALICE WINTERS, of Grover Hill, Ohio, and large sums to MANY OTHER PRIZE-WINNERS, and HUNDREDS of SMALLER PRIZES of ONE to FIVE DOLLARS EACH easily won with little effort, all in accordance with our last year's PRIZE OFFER which proved to be

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
to them; and our prize-winners are finding it even MORE LUCRATIVE THIS YEAR.
THIS IS THE GREATEST COMBINATION PRIZE OFFER ever made, because these 863 CASH PRIZES are divided into six groups of monthly prizes, \$1.00 to \$300.00, 34 GRAND PRIZES, \$5.00 to \$250.00, and 525 consolation PRIZES of \$1.00 EACH for WOMEN and CHILDREN; so that one might win any ONE CASH PRIZE, or ANY NUMBER or combination of CASH PRIZES not exceeding seven and not MORE THAN \$1,300.00 in all to any one person, and in addition an unlimited number and value of club premiums.
WE PAY BIG CASH PRIZES MONTHLY, so that you don't have to pull through a long contest to win, and you don't have to wait to get the premiums that you earn and the money that you win.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE
This is the last month. The competition for the 34 April monthly prizes and for the 38 Grand Prizes closes at midnight of April 30, and on the eighth day of May we shall pay both sets of prizes. Enter now and you may win an April monthly prize and a Grand Prize, too, in a one month's try. Quite a number did it last year.

WE HAVE PAID THE FEBRUARY PRIZES
On the eighth day of March we paid the February cash prizes, and we print the names of the winners on another page of this paper.
The March prize competition closes March 31, and we shall pay the March prizes on the 8th day of April. You will see the names of the winners in May COMFORT.
We have also paid 450 of the Consolation Prizes, and on April 8 we shall pay the remaining 75 Consolation Prizes.

34 PRIZES FOR APRIL
FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH of the six months beginning with NOVEMBER, 1909, and ENDING with APRIL, 1910, there is a SEPARATE and DISTINCT PRIZE competition for a separate and distinct list of MONTHLY CASH PRIZES to be paid at the end of each month.
THESE 863 SPECIAL, EXTRA, CASH PRIZES are paid, in addition to club premiums, to those who send us subscriptions to COMFORT. Prizes come thick and fast every month for six months.

ENTER NOW FOR APRIL MONTHLY PRIZES
1st Prize \$50.00 to \$300.00
2nd Prize 25.00 to 75.00
3rd Prize \$10.00 to \$30.00
4th Prize 5.00 to 15.00
30 Prizes \$1.00 to \$3.00 Each

The first prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions in the month of April, the second prize is for the next largest number, and so on.
April prize competition opens on the first day of April and closes at midnight of the last day of the same month, and the April prizes will be paid on the 8th day of May, and the Grand Prizes also.
Subscriptions mailed on the last day of April will be counted in on the contest for that month, provided the postmark on the envelope shows it. This gives an equal opportunity to everybody, no matter how far off they live.

GRAND PRIZES
To those who send us the largest number of yearly subscriptions between October 1, 1909, and midnight of April 30, 1910, we will pay the following grand prizes:
Capital Grand Prize, \$250.00
2nd Grand Prize, 125.00
3rd Grand Prize, 65.00
4th Grand Prize, \$40.00
5th Grand Prize, 20.00
6th Grand Prize, 10.00
28 Grand Prizes of \$5.00 each, \$140.00

The Capital grand Prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions between October 1, 1909, and the last day of April, and the second grand prize is for the next largest number, and so on. These Grand Prizes come on top of the monthly cash prizes and regular club premiums, and therefore they are
Combination Cumulative Prizes
When you enter for the monthly prizes we also enter you for the Grand Prize Contest, and all the subscriptions which you send in any month count in the monthly prize contest of that month and also in the Grand Prize Contest. You can enter at any time and may win a monthly prize and a Grand Prize, too, both in a single month, as quite a number have done. So if you enter now for the first time you may win a Grand Prize, too, both by a one month's try. Enter now and try it.

Monthly Prizes Double Up to Persistent Winners and Give Astonishing Results

If you win one month we pay you the first stated amount of the prize you win;—for instance, \$50.00 for the first prize. If you win the next month, we pay you double the amount of any prize you win the second month, big or small, and so on doubling your prize every month that you continue to win one.
If you entered the March prize competition, don't fail to keep right on trying your level best through April, so to win a prize both months, because if you do win both months, as some always do, we pay you double your April monthly prize.
Mrs. Claude S. Miller won the third prize of \$10.00 in February and we paid her \$20.00 because she was a \$1.00 prize-winner the month before.

IF TOO BUSY YOURSELF to solicit subscriptions, befriend any neighbor who is out of work or has spare time, by showing him or her this way of making a SURE GOOD THING. The valuable premiums,—almost anything you can think of to choose from in our GREAT NEW PREMIUM CATALOGUE,—which come to you as fast as you send in the subscriptions, pay a VERY HANDSOME SALARY for YOUR TIME, much or little as you can spare, but THE MORE THE BETTER,—beside the CASH PRIZE which YOU SHOULD WIN. ENTER NOW, to win one of the 34 APRIL MONTHLY PRIZES and win a GRAND PRIZE, TOO. Select some premium advertised in this paper for a starter. Send in the subs in clubs, big or small, as fast as you can. IT IS EASY to GET PEOPLE TO SUBSCRIBE for COMFORT, and especially to renew their subscriptions, because it is by far the BEST FAMILY MONTHLY for the money.
Publisher of COMFORT.

PRIZE COMPETITION ENTRY COUPON

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—One year subscription 25 Cents; 5 months, 10 Cents; 2-year RENEWAL subscription by OLD SUBSCRIBERS, 30 Cents. COMFORT PRIZE DEPT., Augusta, Maine.

NOTE:—The regular yearly rate is 25 cents, but we give a 15-months subscription to those who subscribe this month. SUBSCRIPTION BLANKS like the one below, only larger, can be had free on application.
I enclose \$ or cents to pay for the following list of subscribers or renewals to be credited to me in your Subscription Prize Contest. Send COMFORT to the following addresses:

NAME	P. O. or R. F. D.	COUNTY	STATE	Pay Whether SUB- or RENEWAL for 2 Yrs. 15 Mo 5 Mos	AMOUNT

Send me as my Club Premium (Date) April 1910
Name P. O. Co. State

Won All This in a Three Months Try

\$350.00 Grover Hill, Ohio, May 8, 1909.
Received of W. H. Gannett, Publisher of COMFORT, the sum of ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS by check of this date in payment of SECOND GRAND PRIZE in COMFORT'S Great Subscription Prize Contest, which, with the TWO HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS previously paid me in monthly Cash Prizes, makes a grand total of THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS received by me from COMFORT in cash prizes for three-months subscription canvassing, besides all my regularly earned premiums and cash commissions.
ALICE WINTERS.

\$25.00 and Twice \$50.00 Make \$350.00 in Three Months

for ALICE WINTERS of Grover Hill, Ohio, as proved by her final receipt reproduced above. SHE DID NOT ENTER UNTIL DECEMBER and dropped out at the end of February, but she won a \$25.00 PRIZE and two \$50.00 PRIZES doubled, making \$225.00 in three months prizes, and these brought her also the second Grand Prize of \$125.00 more at the finish on May 8.

Of course Miss Winters' short-time, big winnings were under our last year's prize offer, which is the same as the present one.

There is yet time and opportunity for one who enters in April to win two good prizes before the first day of May.

Jump into the game now and win big money quick.
If you were in for March stay in for April prizes sure, because it is your last chance.

Big Prizes Paid Last Month

E. WAGONER - 1st Prize, \$200.00
ADA HUMPHREY - 2nd Prize, \$75.00
won February -

Look at the receipts for these two prizes and then just think how you might have had your name on one or other of them by hustling.

Big Prizes Yet to Be Won

Don't let them all get by you. Make a hustle in April and make up for lost time.
Remember that these cash prizes also carried with them a whole grist of valuable premiums which more than paid the winners for their time besides the cash prizes.

That \$1,300.00 Limit

Thus far the monthly prizes have been won easily and many of them even doubled up or thricebled without much effort this year as they were last year, and you will see, by looking at the list of February prize-winners printed elsewhere in this paper. It looks as though Mr. Wagoner might win the \$1,300.00 limit. The monthly first prize beginning in November with \$50.00 increases by \$50.00 each successive month to \$300.00 in April, provided the same person continues to win it. Mr. Wagoner won it the first four months and we have paid him \$50.00 for November, \$100.00 for December, \$150.00 for January and \$200.00 for February. If he wins first prize in March and April we shall pay him \$250.00 for March and \$300.00 for April, and the

\$75.00 Woodbury, Ky., March 8, 1910
Received of W. H. Gannett, Publisher of COMFORT,
Seventy-five Dollars
by check of this date in full payment of
FEBRUARY SECOND PRIZE THRIBBLED.
ADA HUMPHREY.

\$250.00 Capital Grand Prize on top of that, making a grand total of \$1,300.00 Cash Prizes for him in six months.

But, of course, he may not win in March and April. Some one else may win first prize in March or April. **Anybody may win first prize in April and why not you?** Any new beginner has an equal opportunity to win the April first prize or any other April prize by beginning now and making a hustle in April, and may win a good, big, Grand Prize, too. Others have done it,—won two prizes in one month,—and so may you.

Don't fail to enter now for an April Prize and a Grand Prize, too.

ENTER NOW: Win an April Prize, Perhaps Double or Thricebled. Win a Grand Prize, Too, Both in One Month

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5,000 Brand New Mens' Suits bought by us from a "Hard up" manufacturer. Made in plain black cheviot; usual retail selling price \$10. With each order we include an extra pair of striped trousers without additional cost. Comes in sizes 34-44 chest; 30 to 42 waist and 30 to 35 inseam. Lot No. 25-C-52. Price.....\$4.95

THIS SPLENDID BOYS' SUIT \$2.95

A bankrupt stock of brand new handsome knickerbocker style combination suits, made of durable Wagoner Olesmere dark olive brown mixture, coat and breeches cut in the latest style and with every order we give one extra pair of breeches. Sizes 8 to 16 years. Regular retail price \$5.00. Lot No. 25-C-55. Our bargain price \$2.95. Your money back if you are not satisfied. Send us your order to-day.

\$1.95 FOR THESE

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LOT No. 25-C-45 \$1.95

LOT No. 25-C-46 \$1.95

A thousand pairs of Ladies' Coltskin Shoes at \$1.65

Ladies' Silk Finished Rep Rain Coat

\$12.00 Value for \$6.95

Exactly the same coat which you have seen advertised in the leading Magazines at \$12.00. They are handsome, brand-new, beautiful silk-finished-rep rain coats, made up of the new, double texture-rep absolutely waterproof. Exactly like the illustration, beautifully tailored, and warranted to be a perfect garment throughout.

Coat has two large pockets, the new style turn over collar, wide, stylish cuffs and trimmed with fancy trimmings. The seams are connected, which makes the coat absolutely waterproof—cut full length and made in all sizes from 32 to 42 bust measure. Comes in two colors, Black and Navy. Don't fail to state color desired and give your size.

LOT No. 25-C-82. Please remember this is a regular \$12.00 Coat. While this lot lasts, Our Price.....\$6.95

\$9.95 BUYS THIS MAN'S COMPLETE OUTFIT

\$20.00 is the usual retail price of this fine complete outfit. Never before have we offered a greater bargain in clothing and we urge quick action on your part to secure one of these outfits at the ridiculous low price of.....\$9.95

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1 pair of Stylish Lace Shoes.....2.25
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1 pair of Fancy Suspenders......50
1 Fancy Handkerchief......25
1 pair of Fancy Colored Half Hose......25

Would cost at retail.....\$20.00
Lot No. 25-C-90—The above entire outfit \$9.95 to clothe a man from head to foot

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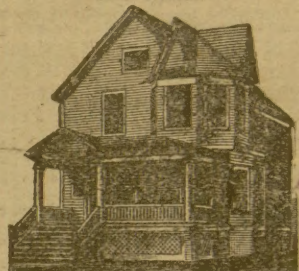
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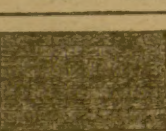


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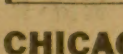
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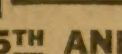
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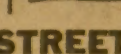
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